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IN IRONS.

Andrew Jackson, of Mt. Sterling, Taken Back for Trial.

Sheriff D. W. Shankland, of Brown county, Ill., was in the city a couple of hours yesterday waiting for a train to take him to Mt. Sterling, his home. He had with him a young man with the historical name of Andrew Jackson, whom he had captured in Shannon county, Mo., last Tuesday, and who is wanted in Brown county for knocking Norman Carter in the head with an ax. The assault was made early last winter in a cabin occupied by Carter. Jackson and a brother named Frank went to Carter's cabin, and while Frank engaged Carter in conversation, Andrew slipped up behind him and struck him with the ax. They both fled and were not heard of again until Sheriff Shankland, a handsome, keen-eyed man by the way, located the prisoner in south Missouri, through the agency of letters. Frank is still at large. The whole family appear to be a bad lot, but the sheriff seems to think there is some truth in Jackson's reason for trying to thrust immortality upon Carter. This reason, as given by the prisoner, is that Carter had raped Jackson's sister and had threatened to kill her if she ever mentioned it to any one. The sister finally told it and the assault followed. If this is true Jackson should be voted a gold medal and a life-long pension, but the people of Brown county thought enough differently of the matter at the time to advocate mobbing the Jacksons if they were caught. Jackson had bought same property in Missouri and had just completed a house thereon, and had made arrangements to give a rousing dance and house-warming spree to his neighbors last night, and it is likely that the dance went on just the same, as these South Missourians never miss a chance to jump a puncheon or dance a hoe-down.

Cupid's Captives.

By Ira B. Curtis, J. P., at his parlor, Dec. 19, David S. Hays and Miss Clara Elliott, both of Mowcaqua.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Leavitt, at Maroa, by Rev. Robinson, on Dec. 18, at 2:30 o'clock, James Harris and Miss Clara Leavitt. The young couple are spending their honeymoon at Hopkinsville, Ky., and intend to locate permanently at Maroa.

ULRICH–LISHLER.

William L. Ulrich and Miss Nettie B. Lishler were married yesterday morning by Rev. J. L. Pinkerton at the Bible school room in the Gallagher building. The young man lives at Long Creek, and his bride lives at Decatur. About 12 of their friends witnessed the ceremony and afterwards took dinner with them at Horton's restaurant. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich left for the east, where they will spend two months. On their return they will reside in Decatur.

Yesterday afternoon Rev. J. L. Craemer, at the German Lutheran church, united Pottsfried Mintler and Amelia Kastian, in the presence of numerous friends. Misses Louiza Szutziara and Henrietta Kruch acted as bridesmaids, and Adam Gendrim and John Kaminski as groomsmen. The contracting parties live in this city.

Police Pickings.

Justice Curtis yesterday fined the trio arrested the night previous by Officers Leech and Miller at Anna Housh's free and easy resort on East William street. Mrs. Housh was fined $15 and costs, she pleading guilty; one of the men arrested was fined $15 and costs and the other, having but little money, paid $6 of his fine and signed a security bond for the balance.

The boys arrested by Officer Butts for climbing the electric light tower on the corner of Clinton and Condit streets, were discharged after a good lecture and a few hours confinement.

There was a case yesterday before Justice Curtis in which Daniel Jacobs sued George Wise for money alleged to be due the daughter of the former for services rendered the latter. Wise was willing to pay the girl, Luella Jacobs, but wanted to deduct $3.61 which he had spent in purchasin shoes and underclothing for the girl, who had none when she came to him. Jacobs wanted the whole business, including the purchased articles, and the justice after hearing the evidence, gave judgment in favor of the defendant. Lawyer Buckingham appeared for Mr. Wise.

Chicago Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. yesterday, received by G. C. Caldwell, secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

WHEAT—Dec., 77⅞c; Jan. 78½c; May, 83⅛c.

CORN—Dec., 33¼c; Jan., 31⅜c; May, 33⅜c.

OATS—Dec., 20⅝c; Jan., 20⅝c; May, 22⅝c.

PORK—Jan., $9.22; Feb., $9.35; May, $9.57.

LARD—Jan. $5.87; Feb., $5.90; May, $6.05.

RIBS—Jan., $4.73; Feb., $4.77; May, $4.95.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Live Stock—Hogs, 27,000; market strong. Cattle, 11,000; market steady.

Grain—Car Lots—Winter Wheat, 18; Spring Wheat, 66; Corn, 354; Oats, 153.

A Bungling Forger.

A forger named W. E. Stone was caught at Effingham Wednesday. He arrived Tuesday and made inquiries at the banks concerning leading farmers. Wednesday he presented a note for $340, signed by John G. James, a prominent and wealthy farmer. Sheriff Overbeck, by the aid of the other bank officials, had been shadowing the gentleman, and just as the money was being counted out to him he was arrested. Some $800 was found on his person. He passed as an agent for musical instruments; and is supposed to be the fellow who victimized several banks in the northern part of this state.

Open Evenings.

Linn & Scruggs will now remain open evenings from now until January 1.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

The City of Sterling has adopted the $1,000 license for saloons.

At Elgin William Redeker was accidentally shot while on a gunning expedition.

On the Elgin Board of Trade Monday bidding for butter was brisk, the total sale amounting to $5,020.

In Coles county at Mattoon, William Null was convicted of assault with attempt to kill, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

A verdict of $1000 damages was rendered in the suit against the McLean County Coal company by the heirs of John McVey, a miner killed in their shaft.

At Elgin, John Stapleton and his wife, aged about 60 years, and their grandson, aged 10 years were found dead in their house, having been suffocated by coal gas.

Mrs. John Slobaugh, a young married woman of Stanford, while temporarily insane, drowned herself and her child in a well.

Magner & Olson, dealers in clothing at Galesburg, made an assignment. Their liabilities are placed at $13,000, with about $7,000 assets.

The auditor of public accounts has issued a certificate of authority to do business, to the state bank of Woodstock, McHenry county, with a capital of $25,000.

A reunion is proposed of those who, in the '40's, attended the school in Bloomington taught by Dr. William C. Hobbs, among whom are some prominent and distinguished people.

The passenger depot of the Chicago & Alton road at Odell, was destroyed by fire, including the offices of the United States Express and Western Union Telegraph companies.

Stray Scraps.

The mosquitos are buzzing around,
The tree frogs are beginning to sing
And all the flowers are fixing themselves
To bloom —— —— —— down in Florida.

The Governor has refused to pardon Kelly and Tracy and so notified their attorney, F. A. Brown.

There will be a new lodge of the Knights of Pythias organized at Forsythe in a few days.

The earnings of the County Treasurer's office during the quarter ending Nov. 30, exceeded the expenditures by $831.98.

The business part of the city was again in total darkness at midnight. It wouldn't be a bad scheme to import some lightning bugs for illuminating purposes.

As an indication of the value of the coal which underlies nearly every acre of land in this part of the state, it can be stated that a few days ago a man sold the coal under his 65-acre farm near Edwardsville, for $1,300 cash, being $20 per acre. The coal will be taken out and the surface of the land will not be injured in the least.—Ex.

Perpetual summer must have chosen Decatur as a winter resort.

Wouldn't it be a good time to do something with the unsightly piles of bricks that crowd the sidewalks on some of the Decatur streets?

The holiday trade is assuming splendid proportions in this city, despite the absence of Christmas weather.

Mrs. Cannon's Funeral.

The funeral of the wife of Hon. J. G. Cannon took place in Danville yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the First M. E. church, the sermon being preached by her pastor, Rev. Charles A. Crane. Special trains arrived from Paris and Tuscola, her former home, and parties were present from Kansas City, Mo.; Springfield and Jacksonville, Ill., and Montezuma, Ind. Gov. Fifer and staff were there.

Faithful Lodge.

Faithful Lodge, I. O. G. T. held a very interesting meeting last night at their hall on North Water street. About 40 members were present and four visitors from Decatur lodge. One lady Miss Nellie Haven was initiated and one new name for membership was handed in. They have decided to hold a watchmeeting New Years Eve. to which everybody is cordially invited.

Knocked Out in Four Rounds.

A telegram from Terre Haute, Ind., says Steve Curran knocked out Jack Duffy in the fourth round, Marquis of Queensbury rules, two ounce gloves yesterday morning at 3 o'clock at a place just over the line in Illinois. About 150 sporting men from the Wabash Valley were present. The fight was for $300.

An Injured Arm.

William Hughes, residing at 1059 North Clinton street, while working in the old coal shaft Wednesday evening, displaced some coal which fell on his right arm, cutting it and mashing it considerably. Dr. Randall dressed the wounds, which will confine Mr. Hughes to the house for some time.

The Reason Why.

The Decatur Short Line is reinforcing the foundations of the engines at the power house, and has been compelled to run the electric light dynamo with the same engine which propels the street car department, hence the "downing" of their lights.

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TRACK AND TRAIN.

Yesterday was pay day for the Central employes.

Trainmaster Reed, of the I. C., was in Decatur yesterday.

B. Moe takes the position of paymaster on the I. C., vice J. F. Titus.

Engineer Porter is again in the cab of I. C. engine 240, after a few days' lay-off.

A Wabash special conveying officials of the road passed through the city yesterday.

Conductor James Bump, of the St. Louis division of the Wabash, is laid up with a severe cold.

T. H. & P. Engineer Harding is laying off and Engineer Parish has taken his run for a few days.

Engineer Vail formerly of the Wabash, now of the Michigan Central, is visiting friends in this city.

Lon Jackson, the boss carpenter of the I. C., was in the city yesterday, examining some proposed improvements.

The I. C. is hauling sand from Williams' bank to Chicago. Decatur's claims for the World's fair are thus substantiated.

The Wabash for some reason, did not pay in full for the month of November, and the pay car will settle along the line to-day.

Engineer W. B. Conover is still very sore from the injuries he received a few days ago at Stonington in a front-end collision.

H. I. Miller, dining car superintendent on the Wabash, is able to be out again after his recent illness, much to the delight of his many friends.

By the proposed reorganization of the Ohio, Indiana and Western road, the annual fixed charges will be reduced from $670,000 to less than $400,000.

Engineer Daniel Gavin, late of the Wabash, is now handling the throttle of an engine on the Iron Mountain, and has moved his family to St. Louis.

Gov. Fifer and staff came over from Danville yesterday in a special car en route to Springfield. They had been attending the funeral of the wife of Congressman Cannon.

The Wabash announces that clergymen's tickets will be issued for 1890, as usual. The rules prescribe that the clergymen must have charge of a stated congregation, and follow no other vocation than that of the ministry.

On account of the heavy freight engines lately put on the road, and the increased amount of freight traffic, the Illinois Central is changing its rails on the Anna division. It is the intention of the road to make the change all along the line.

The new freight cars that have been constructed are largely of superior strength as well as of greater carrying capacity. The railroads of this country, within the next six months, will be better equiped than any railroad systems in the world for the business they will have to handle.

The friends of W. B. Beamer learned yesterday with great surprise that he had tendered his resignation as trainmaster of the Wabash railway. Mr. Beamer expects to abandon railroading and to engage in business at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Beamer left for Michigan last night to visit relatives.

Suit was instituted in the Sangamon circuit court yesterday by Joseph B. Perkins, jr., guardian of John McKenna, claiming $10,000 damages of the Wabash railway. Plaintiff alleges that on August 30, 1889, John McKenna was run over by a Wabash switch engine. One of his legs had to be amputated, and the bills resulting from the accident amounted to $500. Plaintiff also alleges that the accident was due to the carelessness of the engineer of the engine No. 1119, who it is claimed made no attempt to stop the engine.

The Masquerade Ball.

Guards' armory hall was crowded last night with a pleasure-seeking, laughter-loving assemblage of both sexes, dressed in all sorts of disguises and wearing all descriptions of masques. There were masques ugly and masques lovely, horrible masques and masques that would give the horrors to an Indian cigar sign—but all were there on pleasure bent, and eyes and hearts kept time as well as the feet to the sweet strains of excellent music discoursed by the Johnson brothers. About 150 tickets had been sold, and about one-third more than that number of people arrived after the "dance was on." The participants voted it an entire success, and it was a happy although tired crowd that dispersed for their homes after 3 o'clock this morning.

The Crossings In.

The linemen of the Decatur Electric Street Railway company were at work yesterday putting in the new crossings in the trolley wires of the two companies on the west wide of Lincoln Square. They are the same as those put in on the other side, and are furnished by the Thompson-Houston people.

A Good Sale.

The ladies of Stapp's Chappel made a great deal of money on their sale in the Library block yesterday. There were many fancy articles and nearly all were sold. Supper was served to a large number. The room was crowded all day and evening.

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MONTANA.

Every few days The Despatch makes a bold break at the Montana situation just for the purpose of reiterating the conclusion it formed before there was a particle of evidence; viz: that the democrats in that state are very much to blame for not letting the republicans get away with everything in sight. Gov. Toole refused to recognize the rump legislature a few days ago, and now The Despatch thinks he is acting terribly. It says that Gov. Toole has not the prerogative of determining who are entitled to seats in the general assembly. Perhaps it would be well to inform The Despatch that the governor does not make any such claim. His last act was one of refusal to recognize a would-be legislature. The governor must have some such power as this. Imagine a convention of cranks in Illinois who should get it into their heads that they constituted a legislature; and then imagine these fellows sending to the governor for a message. Fifer would very likely refuse to recognize them. And then The Despatch man would rise up and remark that the governor has no right to determine who are members of the legislature. While there may be a good deal of truth in this, the remark would, however, apply just as aptly in the discussion of a theological or scientific. We are aware that conditions may arise in which the governor will have to determine what is a legislature and what is not. Certainly every convention that gathers can't send in and ask for a message. Such a rule would enable the republicans to play solons all the year round, for which they would reward themselves with a per diem allowance of the good things that were produced by democratic sweat on the outside.

But The Despatch says that this body which Gov. Toole refused to recognize is the genuine and only original legislature of Montana. It contains several republicans who have certificates of election from the state canvassing board. Several democrats that hold certificates from the county clerk of Silver Bow county are refused admission. The Despatch says that the state canvassing board certificates are the ones that go. It made this remark once before, and was then asked to give its reasons. It did not see fit to do so, neither does it this time. This thing of mere repetition can never amount to a right. Its real reason for thinking that the state canvassing board was the proper authority to act in this matter, is that the board is republican. These are bodies that can be depended on to beat democrats. We have had a good deal of republican returning boards in this country, and we are not disposed to enlarge the powers of a canvassing board of the same political faith. So when anyone says that such a canvassing board has the only authority to issue certificates, we must ask for the law upon which that authority rests.

In regards to the Montana case, we must again call attention to the fact that, upon the face of the returns, the democrats in Silver Bow were elected. The matter was taken into the courts, and again the democrats were triumphant. The votes in Silver Bow were counted as the courts directed, and the proper officer issued the certificates upon that count. Just at this point the republican state canvassing board goes to work and issues certificates to the republicans of Silver Bow county. This republican canvassing board did this work without a single return in its possession that would show the election of a single republican. According to its own statement it acted entirely upon rumor.

Now must democrats trust the justice of their cause to a house constituted in this way? We can easily see what would be the end of such a course. Those republicans from Silver Bow are not alleged to have more honesty than the state canvassing board. And because they can't triumph they will fight it to the bitter end. Well, they will do less damage in Montana than would a couple of their representatives in the U. S. senate. Let them fight it to the end if they want to. Meantime we will try to be happy in the knowledge that such fighting will not secure a job for Prince Russell.

WE are told many times a day that the Russian influenza insists upon paying us a visit. It has already landed at New York and Boston, and has started to pay a visit to the west. The young man or lady of uncertain age, who has not influenza in a few days from now, will be deplorably out of fashion; for this is to be a fashionable disease of the eyes and nose. It started in the right way to make itself fashionable. It first attacked the royal families of Europe, or at least those of the continent, and thus secured the attention of the common people. Kings and queens were the first to sport it, where they got hold it, no one can tell, but the people will know that they get it from the royal folks, and this is bad enough. And if any man is disposed to rail at royalty for introducing this abominable infliction, let him stop awhile and return thanks that the other diseases of European royalty are not epidemic.

But there will be satisfaction for some in the possession of this malady. We understand that the Prince of Wales has just had a siege of it. After this it would be cruel to deprive our dudes of a like experience. They took it on the same day the Prince was taken down, and each sneeze of his sent a shiver along their backs. New York has kept up with London in this matter, and Prince Russell has grown prouder of his family's country.

The disease will not be entirely objectionable in Decatur. We are not burdened with very much royalty here, and most of our dudes have gone out of business since the police raided the gambling houses and took their spare clothing and jewelry in lieu of of bonds. But in spite of all this we shall hunt up some use for influenza. We must remember that it will probably drive Capt. DeWitt C. Shockley off the streets. We have begged and prayed for cold weather but it will not come to help us, and so, if nothing else will do, let us have the influenza, and let us have it at once. Our inspector has fought against all the elements and given us the laugh each time he pocketed a five dollar piece. But now it begins to look as if we had him. The eleventh plague has started along this way to make him let go of his people. He is smiling now, but we imagine we can hear him sneze.

NOT long since a young man of Decatur and his best girl got into a discussion about the quality of men's tastes in relation to the theater. Each of the sexes was championed by its representative, the best girl contending that ladies have the finer taste. This the young man denied with all the warmth that gallantry permits. But after awhile the best girl grew a trifle furious, and wanted an explanation of the fact that crowds of men of genteel appearance rush to those coarse abominations known as leg shows. Here was a stumper, but the experienced young man rallied nobly and informed that innocent young lady that men go to abominable leg shows in order to escape that greater abomination, the coal scuttle opera hat.

And this young fellow was right, or at least he was not entirely wrong. The men are taken with a periodical desire to see the opera house stage. Just about the time they are seized with one of these attacks, along comes a leg show and gives them a chance. Husbands, brothers and lovers know that that the show is no good, but at the same time they know that the opera hat won't be there.

If the ladies are sincere reformers, they will at once understand how their brothers' tastes can be elevated in the matter of theatrical shows.

THE governor passed on a lot of applications for pardons yesterday. Several pardons were granted, and some sentences made lighter. Efforts were made in behalf of a couple of criminals who were sent up from Macon county. The governor refused to touch their sentences. It appeared in the record that they were from Macon county, and that settled it. There are a few thousand people in this county who, in the governor's opinion, would do less harm were they in Joliet. If any of our fellows want to apply for pardon, they had better hire a lawyer who isn't chump enough to connect them with Macon county when speaking to the governor. He can't understand how a man should really want to break out of the pen into Macon county. The governor doesn't appreciate our style of patriots.

WILL the influenza catch the affidavit, or, will the affidavit catch the influenza?

Brainard's Musical World.

The Christmas number of this ever popular musical monthly is on our table, and it is without doubt one of the finest magazines we have seen for long time. The cover page is printed in several beautiful colors, making it vere neat and attractive. Among the original miscellany this month we find interesting biographies and portraits of Adelina Patti and Mr. Emil Liebling, the popular music teachers of Chicago. A full discription of Chicago Auditorium, with a list of the principal artists with the Patti Opera Company, is also given. It has also the usual amount of sound musical reading from the pen of Dr. Karl Merz, and several appropriate illustrations of Christmas will be found in the December number. The music this month eclipse any previous number we have thus far seen, being: The "Verona Berlin," by Harry P. Jones, the latest society dance, which is all the rage this season; "Fair Spirit I love you," a beautiful song, with a chorus in waltz time, by W. C. E. Seeboeck; "Happy Hearts Waltzes," a charming Waltz, which is sure to please, by Geo. Schleiffarth; "The wonders of his love," by H. P. Danks; "Evening Hymn," by Karl Merz; "I would not live always," by Muhlenburg, and "Father Whate'er of Earthly Bliss," by Mason; four Christmas pieces, and "Winde," a charming instrumental composition by H. Lichner.

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Nathan W. Cobb
vs. } Divorce.
Emma Cobb

Affidavit having been filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Macon County Circuit Court that the said Emma Cobb, defendant in the above entitled cause, on due inquiry can not be found, so that process can not be served upon her. And said cause having been commenced and summons issued therein to the sheriff of said Macon County returnable to the January term A. D., 1890 of said Court, and said cause as above entitled being now pending in said Court.

Notice is hereby given to the said defendant Emma Cobb that unless she shall be and appear on the first day of the next term of said Court to be held at the Court House in the City of Decatur in said Macon County on the second Monday in the month of January A. D., 1890, and plead answer or demur to complainant's said Bill of Complaint, the same and the matters and things therein stated and set forth will be taken as true and a decree rendered in accordance with the prayer thereof.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.

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Now, unless you, the said James Birks, shall appear, give bail, and plead within the time limited for your appearance in said case, judgment will be entered against you, and the estate so attached will be sold.

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So, too, she knows that if we play
At tennis in the August sun,
The little roguish winds that fray
Her curls and blow them all astray
Tug at my heartstrings, one by one.

And then again, if she and I
Stroll down to watch the young moon shine
A shape of gold in sea and sky,
She knows if she but feigns a sigh
She hears the truer ring of mine.

So she is leading me a chase—
Why should she? Well, I won't propose
To any loveliness and grace
Whose only fortune is her face,
And that, you see—
Belinda knows!

—Mary E. Wardwell in Century.

THE JOCKEY'S STORY.

I was a jockey, and they used to tell me, a tolerably good one. But I no longer claim the turf as my profession, or whatever you are a mind to call it, and on my leaving the track this story hangs.

It was a good many years ago that I quit—a mere boy at the time—though my experience among men had made me seemingly older than I really was. I was pretty well acquainted with the ways of the world so far as comes within the opportunity of one mostly associated with horsemen and horses, with their attendant surroundings.

Though but a jockey—in general, a creature to be kicked and cursed—I was not unlike many others of the human kind. I cherished the feeling of revenge, and for months, yes years, had lived to gratify it. The person upon whom I longed to wreak my vengeance was the man for whom I had ridden ever since I knew how. I had waited for the opportunity for—I can scarcely remember how long—ever since one day when I had a brother, a brother that I loved possibly as well as others who aspired to a higher niche on the social, yes, even the moral scale.

Willie, little Will, that's what I always called him, though the others said, "Little Bill." I used to think I was more like a father to him than a brother. He was so small, and I used to think he oughtn't to have been a jockey like me. I taught him to ride, how to handle his horses on the track just as well as any of us—yes, better, for when he was in the saddle they would, it seemed like, strain every nerve just to please him. You see, even the horses loved him. He was such a quiet little fellow, and so sort o' affectionate, they couldn't help it. And I reckon that's one reason why I was kinder to him than I would have been had he been a rough fellow—like me. When I think about Willie, as we were in those days, I always feel sad—how proud we used to feel of each other when either had won a great race, and how every month we'd get together in our little loft and fix up our money to send home to mother and little sister—that's one reason we were jockeys. Then the promises and resolutions we'd make about keeping away from bad company till we got home; how we'd resolve to be honest always to our employer, and not let anybody or anybody's money come between us and our duty to him; how we used to pet the horses together, till they all knew us and understood our voices almost as well as we did ourselves.

But that was all changed—changed in a moment of passion by the man we had served so faithfully; the man for whom we had won laurels and fortune, and whose confidence had never been broken or betrayed, or whose commands had never been disregarded.

One day Willie lost a race—one that Mr. Wharton, our employer, had set his heart on winning. He had almost won it, when his horse stumbled and went down. Mr. Wharton was furious. All in a passion, he ran to where the two lay in a heap, and, as Willie was getting up, struck him a terrible blow with his heavy whip. The blow and the shock of the fall was too much for him, and it wasn't many hours before he passed away, to find his home among the white steeds of heaven. He never recognized any of us, and passed away just like he was going to sleep.

I was to be avenged.

At last the time had come. Ever since that awful day I had remained with an old employe, awaiting the day when I should be able to avenge the cruel slaying of my little jockey brother.

The opportunity had arrived, and for my long waiting I was none the less determined.

It was the last day of the great racing season at ——, and the closing day was to be the greatest of all, the interest of the whole season being centered upon it. It was to be the climax of the sporting season, and between its suns fortunes would be won and lost.

Randall, the horse that I was to ride, I knew was the favorite, and on his victory heavy odds were offered. On every tongue were praises of his beauty and swiftness, and on every hand he was heralded the victor. I knew all this and was satisfied, for I knew that we would do our best—Randall and I.

"Bob," said Mr. Wharton, calling me aside on the morning of the race, "Randall must not win. I have played my fortune against him. If he wins I am ruined—completely. Even the horse himself is on his own defeat. Now remember."

"All right, sir; I'll remember," I said, with a strange feeling of excitement passing through me.

This was the opportunity I had waited and longed for. I would win—I would repay him for his cruelty. Eagerly I ran to the box where Randall, who was to carry me to victory and vengeance, was locked. He was truly a noble animal, almost human intelligence beaming from his flashing eye. Often had I ridden him, and often had he responded willingly to my urging. Would he fail me this time? No, it couldn't be, with such little sinewy limbs, such a deep set, powerful chest, and withal such intelligence, he could not fail. As I gently caressed him the noble creature seemed to understand that he was all in all to me then. His playful little neigh of recognition was a better assurance than any other that he would do his uttermost for me.

Caressing and talking, I remained by his side until the grooms appeared to equip him for the track. I was loth to let him go even then, for there was no telling what might be employed to make sure that he would not win; there were twenty times more money on his losing than would buy two of his breed.

It was time to mount. All about the stables was confusion. Horsemen were gathered in groups talking earnestly on the probabilities of the race, some referring to tablets to see just how much they had ventured on their favorites. Grooms were hurrying hither and thither with blankets on the arms and pails in their hands; a small army of jockeys engaged in an animated criticism of their followers who were to ride the great race, while occasionally some devotee of the turf and patron of the bookmaker, more excited than the rest, would rush up for an instant to inquire after the condition of his favorite. Another asked about the rider, while others, with a knowing wink, inquired if everything was "all right."

The multitude in the stands was getting impatient at every turn. Nothing was thought of or talked of but the great race and the merits and demerits of the horses and riders. Ladies had their favorites, with ready pin money to back them. Neighborly wagers of money or what not were freely offered and freely taken. Even the little urchins that fought each other for places around the rails hazarded their nickels and dimes on the red cap or the buff jacket.

About the bookmakers' offices the excitement was at fever heat. Men crowded and pushed and elbowed their way to get a glimpse of the latest offerings, and here and there the enterprising sharper would buttonhole his prey and allure him with the offer of a "straight tip." Old rounders eyed their tickets as narrowly and with as much delight as a child a new toy. Young men that had never before wagered a cent eagerly asked for takers of bets against the favorite, and money flowed as freely as water.

Suddenly there was a moment of silent expectation, then a waving of hats and fluttering of handkerchiefs, followed a shout that echoed again and again through the neighboring fields and woods.

The horses had appeared upon the track; down the stretch they came toward the stand to receive their places from the judges with jockeys sitting as gracefully and firmly as though a part of the animals themselves. Another thunder of applause as the announcements were made. Thirteen horses to start, and every one of them as swift as the winds, the perfection of breed and training, their long, sinewy bodies fairly quivering with excitement. No wonder that the vast throng held its breath when the start was made.

Randall was on every tongue. Thousands of dollars were behind him, and as he pranced and quivered under me I thought again and again, "The time has come; will he be equal to it?" I tried to be cool and collected, but who could at such a moment and in such a place, astride of such a noble animal, and with thousands of eyes and minds bent upon him—who, with all these, could remain insensible to the thrill that pervaded animals and men?

My hand shook a little and my voice trembled some, as I stroked the horse's neck and endeavored to soothe him till the drum tapped. I knew well that all his efforts would be required. There were other horses every whit as swift, but I relied on his devotion and the thought that the others might know that he was not to win.

Directly the judge's voice is heard. In an instant we are off, Randall and I at the very outer side. Lady Rose led off with the speed of the wind, just keeping her white nose in front of the others that came thundering on by her side. For a few seconds I was almost dizzy with excitement, not knowing exactly where I was nor what the chance. As we sped under the wire I had caught a glance from Wharton's eye. It was a glance that burned into my very brain, and never for a moment faded till the race had been won and lost. It plainly told me of the frightful consequences that would follow any disobedience of orders. He was a shade or two paler than usual, and his agitation was plain from the way in which he nervously walked to and fro close to the rail. Maybe he mistrusted me—I never knew.

On we flew, the very earth trembling and resounding beneath the mighty strides of the now thoroughly aroused horses. Gradually I became less confused, though my excitement grew more and more intense. I was still a little behind as we rushed down the back stretch, then inch by inch Randall advanced to the flanks of the gray mare on his left around the next pole with no change, every horse panting and steaming with the effort. No whip or spur had touched my beauty's sides; he was but little used to either, and from me he had never received any urging but a stroke on the neck with my open hand or a few words of encouragement.

"Steady, boy; steady, now," as we neared the home stretch on the first half. I had been watching my opportunity, and now, as we rushed down to the front of the stand, I dexterously dropped behind a few paces, and, wheeling Randall across the fleeing flanks of the five or six that had kept the leading pace, placed him at the pole a length behind the superb sorrel, Lady Rose, who had kept her lead all the way round.

The race had but fairly begun; the last half was to tell the tale; as we crossed the wire not a shout came from the thousands of throats that belonged to the thousands of eyes that were riveted upon the flying horses. Fortunes and honors hung on the result, and probably lives—who knew?

Again we were nearing the back stretch, and still Randall was behind. Would he fail? No; it could not be. Bending low in the saddle, I gently patted his vein covered neck.

"Now, Randall, now!"

Instantly the intelligent animal responded to my voice. With leap after leap—leaps that seemed to say "I will not fail"—he gained the side of the sorrel. Another and another, and he was at her neck. Now the breath of his red nostrils hissed and struggled with the breath from hers. Another leap and his head was in the light. Then again I spoke:

"Faster, Randall, faster!"

As if understanding the very thoughts that burned my brain, he redoubled his efforts. Never a spur, never a cut from the whip, but only a few earnest words and a few light taps on the streaming neck. I turned in my saddle, and saw the flaming nostrils of the grey and the sorrel.

"Faster, Randall, faster!"

Now we are clearly in the lead. Randall's tail is fluttering in the face of his pursuer. The wire is only a few yards off. Will he fail; no, for the race is ours.

But what will John Wharton say—yes, what will he say? What will the people say? Ah! I know what they will say. I hear it already, as a burst of enthusiasm that wakes the echoes of heaven comes to me as we rush on by. Yes, what will John Wharton say? What will the people say—and what will little Willie say as he looks down from his snowy perch above? Another outburst, then a stillness as if of death. I saw no more, heard no more, felt no more. All is a blank. What had happened? Had we lost, or was it the sympathy of the happy for the unfortunate that made the silence? I did not know; I could not understand.

When I regained consciousness I was in bed, with a long row of others on either side. There was a painful numbness in my arm and leg, or the place where those limbs should have been.

It was a hospital. The doctors told me how I came there. John Wharton was standing close to the railing when we passed under the wire—Randall and I—on that great day. We had won; he had lost. With a bound and an oath he sprang at Randall's head. That frightened him and caused him to fall. In an instant the other horses were upon us, trampling us beneath their iron feet.

I was picked up more dead than alive—and this empty sleeve and that crutch tell you why I am no longer a jockey.

And that was my revenge.—Ed. M. Durant in Atlanta Constitution.

Policeman (coming suddenly upon a suspicious character hovering about a palatial Fifth avenue residence at midnight)—What are you doing here?

Suspicious Character—I'm an architect, forming designs of this fine house.

Policeman—Forming designs on it, more like; so come along with me.—Texas Siftings.

Age of English Monarchs.

The mean age of death of English kings from William the Conqueror, who died by accident, down to Henry VIII, with all the advantages of their high position, was 55, excluding seven monarchs, who were slain. From that time to the time of Queen Anne the mean age was not more than 50. Edward VI died at 16, which lowered the average. "Time honored Lancaster," marked as at an extreme age, was 55 when he died.—Montreal Star.

EXILED.

At yonder casement, wide and low,
Where soft the rosy lamplight glows,
Across the curtain's filmy web
A dream-like shadow comes and goes.

And while entranced I watch it pass,
The fair head bent with gentle grace,
In rippling lengths of golden sheen
The loosened tresses veil the face.

And now the shadow takes the shape
Of one who prays on bended knee.
Ah, well I know whose name it is
Makes up the burden of that plea.

Without, beneath the darkening sky,
The night wind moans among the leaves;
Within, where yon pale shadow droops,
A saintly spirit waits and grieves.

Like one from paradise shut out,
I lift my eyes with longing gaze—
Would God I too were kneeling there,
As in the blessed by-gone days!

Between the parted curtains now
Shines forth a tender star-like face.
Hush, hungry heart! Be still! be still!
Back, haunting memories, to your place!

The vision fades; the night wears on;
I turn with slow unwilling feet;
My sin the angel with the sword
That drives me from that Eden sweet.

—Harper's Bazar.

ROAD TO HER HEART.

Some of the Things the Poets Have Said Both For and Against Woman.

How shall woman be wooed? Let no random counsel guide her. Women are as various as the leaves in the wood, and each leaf has a mood for each hour of its life from swelling spring to crackling autumn. Devoirs that would be most acceptable to one might be repulsed with stinging force by others; and addresses that were welcome at noon, even though clothed in identical garments, may pall at night. No man can tell. Arrows shot at a venture often find joints in the harness of a heart as well as of a king. Some women were made to be taken by siege, and all the storming of Marc Antony could not compel surrender; and some would rush to capture in the swift assault who could defend walls, gates and circling moats forever and a day. But mark your lady! She who would capitulate to the stubborn wooer may change her liking with the flying hours and change it back again—no rule is sure to win. But however madame should be wooed, she demands at least that she be loved, and reads in her article of faith that constancy is part of vows. She wants no wandering and will threaten none. Shakespeare's advice is:

Let the woman take
An elder than herself; so wears she to him,
So sways she level in her husband's heart;
For, boy, however we do praise ourselves
Our faucies are more giddy and unfirm,
More wandering, wavering, sooner lost and won
Than woman's are.

Most of which is a piece of frankness that approaches slander on a sex not often accused of frailty. The idea of men being charged with a giddiness greater than that found in women is amazing in the memory of Hamlet's mother, Cleopatra and a score who illustrate the charming line: "Frailty, thy name is woman." The singleness of devotion granted and demanded moves Anna Proctor to the following passage:

I break all slighter bonds, nor feel
A shadow of regret,
Is there one link within the past
That holds thy spirit yet?
Or is thy faith as clear and free
As that which I can pledge to thee?

Tenderness is always most welcome, and he who can remember a love that has vanished with crumbling clay wins grace from all her surviving sisters. This from C. G. Halpine:

Oh, loosen the snood that you wear, Jeannette;
Let me tangle a hand in your hair, my pet,
For the world to me had no daintier sight
Than your brown hair veiling your shoulders white,
Your beautiful dark brown hair.

Thus ever I dream what you were, Jeannette,
With your lips and your eyes and your hair, my pet.
In the darkness of desolate years I roam,
And my tears fall bitterly over the stone
That covers your golden hair.

George D. Prentice has caught the beauty in a reverse side of a sad picture. As a rule, smitten ones mourn a presence lost, and only kind dreams grant them the boon that waking hours deny. The vision is a glimpse of heaven, but consciousness is the punishment of Tantalus. The poet of The Louisville Journal once paid his living wife the honor to miss her during a temporary absence, to dream of her presence and to greet her return:

'Tis midnight, with a soothing spell,
The far-off tones of the ocean swell,
Soft as a mother's cadence mild,
Low bending o'er her sleeping child;
And on each wandering breeze are heard
The rich notes of the mocking bird
In many a wild and wondrous lay.
But I am sad—thou art away.

I sink in dreams, low, sweet and clear,
Thy own dear voice is in my ear;
Around my cheek thy tresses twine,
Thy own loved hand is clasped in mine,
Thy own soft lip to mine is pressed,
Thy head is pillowed on my breast;
Oh! I have all my heart holds dear,
And I am happy—thou art here.

Queer old Prentice—ill-clad, shambling, rough spoken—had one of the warmest of hearts and the rare faculty of twining bright thoughts about strong lines.

Sometimes the being licensed to have his productions printed in small type and to call them poetry has drawn a worse than blank in life's lottery, and thereupon sets out to berate the sex in general. For him there may be excuse, but for Lord Lytton, whose wife was to him all Claude Melnotte could ever hope for from Pauline, there was little apology for the following from "The Lady of Lyons:"

The man who sets his heart upon a woman
Is a chameleon and doth feed on air.
From air he takes his colors, holds his life,
Changes with every wind—grows lean or fat,
Rosy with hope or green with jealousy,
Or pallid with despair, just as the gale
Varies from north to south, from heat to cold.
Oh, woman! woman! thou shouldst have few sins
Of thine own to answer for! Thou art the author
Of such a book of follies in a man
That it would need the tears of all the angels
To blot the record out.

It has been said the sex sinks deeper when they fall than any level reached by man. If this be true it must surely be because women occupy a greater height when both are at their normal altitude, and that, descending, woman, by a sort of moral momentum, repays her near relationship to angels with a severer degradation. The motive spring of all emotions, the ocean into which all rivers of purpose run, the fertile soil from which all progress springs, fairer than man and with emotions more varied, the receptive to his impressive side of life, no words can be too kind, no services too costly, no fealty too true. From the time when girlhood carols the love song till the time old age lays down its burdens, love alone can win and love alone retain all that is best in woman.—Chicago Herald.

The Art of Milking.

Suburban Resident—Yes, I want a useful man about my country place. Can you milk?

Applicant—Yis, sor.

"Which side of a cow do you sit on when milking?"

"Wull, sor, Oi niver milked but wan cow, an' she was a kicker, sor; an', bedad, a good dale av the toim Oi was on both sohds av her, sor."—New York Weekly.

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MORNING REVIEW

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1889.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

E. G. Allen was at Niantic last night.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moore, a son.

Dr. Cass Chenoweth was at Dalton City yesterday.

States Attorney Mills is recreating in the Windy City.

Samuel Miller left last night for Spokane Falls, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Warren are visiting in Chicago.

"Pansy" McCollister returned to Evansville yesterday.

Justice Stevens went over to Boody yesterday on business.

Dalton City is afflicted with a great many cases of diphtheria.

Rev. Horace Reed of Bloomington, is visiting in Decatur.

Miss Myra Manning of Hillsboro, is visiting Decatur friends.

H. Jacobson and wife were in Decatur yesterday from Niantic.

Mrs. W. H. Milleisen of Springfield, is visiting friends in this city.

Judge Samuel Reed, of Monticello, was a visitor yesterday to Decatur.

Born, on Thursday, Dec. 19, to Lieutenant and Mrs. C. B. Moore, a son.

Dr. Kellar of Sullivan, was among others yesterday who were in Decatur.

W. W. Burt, one of the legal lights of Peoria, is in the city on business.

Will Fletcher has gone to Blue Mound to visit friends during the holidays.

Will Craycroft and Will Turpin of Mt. Zion are visiting friends in the city.

Thomas A. Pritchett and wife went to Illiopolis yesterday for a short visit.

Miss Ida Folk of Silsby, is visiting Mrs. Scott at Weaver's Hotel on Main street.

The Turners will have a Christmas entertainment at their hall on Christmas night.

Miss Nina Chandler, of Salem, Ill., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Downing.

Mayor Warner of Clinton, was preparing for the Santa Claus act, in Decatur yesterday.

Miss Ollie McQuethy of 250 East Wood street, is quite sick with typhoid malarial fever.

Senator W. C. Johns, Jason Rogers and Mayor M. F. Kanan came down last night from Chicago.

R. A. Newell and wife are of Warrensburg are visiting the family of C. H. Newell in this city.

Dr. Calhoun will return to-night from Geneseo, where he has been attending his father's funeral.

James McNamee, who was bitten by a tarantula Wednesday at Bement, is out of danger, although he had a close call.

J. W. W. Brown and wife, of Windsor, who have been visiting Decatur friends for the past week, returned home yesterday.

Gov. Fifer has refused a pardon to Tracy and Keely, the two men sentenced last June for burglary. Application was made Tuesday.

Hon. John Moses, author of "Moses' History of Illinois," came down from Chicago yesterday on business connected with his book.

James A. Barney, a former resident of this city, where numerous friends still reside, died in Chicago last Tuesday. Cause, dropsy.

The postoffice and express companies find their business already getting better. The advance part of the holiday rush has already commenced.

Miss Dora Burt of Galion, O., the guest of Mrs. J. G. Fish, will leave to-day for Mattoon, where she will also visit before leaving for home.

Prof. G. W. Brown of the Business College arrived in the city yesterday from Jacksonville and is now looking after his business in Decatur.

Mrs. Ed L. Sheppard, an aunt of Attorney James Lee, died Tuesday at her home in Sullivan and was buried Wednesday. Mr. Lee attended the funeral.

Rev. Charles A. Crane, who preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. J. G. Cannon, at Danville yesterday, is a brother of City Editor Crane, of The Decatur Despatch.

Rev. Henry W. Trueblood was in the city yesterday for a few hours. He reports a very successful revival near Maroa, and says the meetings will continue until Christmas.

Three children in the family of Terry O'Brien, on East Eldorado, have the diphtheria. The child of P. A. Moran, on the same street, is also seriously ill with the same disease.

Torrence Parrish, the Thomson-Houston expert electrician, who has put in shape the equipment of the Citizens Street Car line, left the city last night. His work here is finished.

The poultry dealers report their business at a standstill. The usual amount of poultry for this time of year is offered, but there is little demand for it. Prices are low and sales slow.

T. T. Roberts returned yesterday from Charleston and Mattoon, where he has been several days visiting friends and looking after business. He was brought up in that part of the state.

George Hailey, formerly of this city, is conducting a paper at Eminence, Mo. He can never run his paper into the ground very far at Eminence—that's one consolation—the ground is too rocky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roney returned yesterday from Dalton City, where they went to bid good-bye to their daughter and her husband, W. E. Gipson. They will move to Arcadia parish, La., to live.

Miss Minnie Bachman was wearing a violet yesterday afternoon that bloosomed out of doors. The plant has been in the ground all summer and fall, and has doubtless concluded that if the winter is not coming, it can go back into the flower business.

The announcement yesterday that a "prayer" service would be held at the Congregational church Sunday night, was a trifle inaccurate. It will be a Christmas "praise" service, as one would most naturally think. A good program has been arranged.

William Rawley left last night for Spokane Falls, Wash. If the town suits him and he suits the town, he will stay there and send for his family. He is a young man of good character, and goes to the city of the west with good recommendations from some of our best citizens.

Charles R. Murphy, who is at Westfield, Mass., learning the silver plating trade, with a view establishing a factory in Decatur, is making good progress toward the accomplishment of his object. He began at the very bottom of the business and already has passed through several departments. He will have mastered the whole business when he leaves the factory, a large one.

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A Sensible Surprise.

Rev. J. A. F. King, of the U. B. church, was the most astonished man in Decatur, and well he might be, as about 150 of his admirers gathered and gave substantial tokens of their friendship and esteem for their loved pastor. Last night was the regular song service night at the U. B. church, and Mrs. A. Kramer was sent to the minister's house, next door to the church, to engage him in conversation and keep him away until arrangements were perfected in the chapel. When all was ready the pastor was sent for and he supposed he was to take part in the services. He was affected to tears when he discovered what had been prepared for him, and in response to the speech of Miss Ida Wells, the organizer of the surprise and the one chosen to present an elegant bible to Mr King his feelings would not permit him to thank them, as his heart evidently wished to do. The lady who planned and the others who participated in this surprise exhibited unusually good judgment in the matter of donations. Generally a lot of rubbish and bric a brac which are of no use are presented, on such occasions, but these 150 people bought each one something good, something useful, something of benefit to the recipient. There were things good to eat, pleasing to the eye and useful to the mind. It was a great success and no more grateful man lives than Rev. J. A. F. King because of these evidences of esteem in which he is held.

"I Am Here."

One of the most enjoyable performances of the season was Kiralfy's spectacular production of the great French melo-drama, at the Grand last night. The ballet and spectacular accessories were very fine, the ballet of the Jersey Guards proving especially popular, but aside from these adventitious aids, the drama itself and the artists who presented it were well worth the attention of any audience. The play is of the romantic school, and Lagardere is a hero whose invincible prowess is fully equal to that of D'Artagnan, Duma's famous guardsman. The plot is thrilling, the incidents startling and the hero wins applause at every other word. There is considerable shedding of gore but as with a single exception, it is the villians who suffer, the audience was not displeased thereat.

Maurice F. Drew, who sustained the title role, acted with much force and feeling. He had a good conception of the character, and his heroics were as genuine as French heroics (on the stage) can possibly be. He did admirably and won a warm place in the hearts of Decatur theater goers. His support was excellent. There was a good sized audience.

Agreeably Surprised.

Frank Denton, of 1019 East North street, was most agreeably surprised last evening by a large party of his friends, under the guidance of Charles Logan. The affair was a success socially and gastronomically, and the memory of its pleasures will long remain with the participants, as well as Mr Denton, who was presented with a handsome silver watch. Regrets were received from Misses Leah Ross, and Maggie Murphy. Among those present were Misses Mabel Sunk, Ella Bassey, Claudia Arthur, Daisy Dodson, Minnie Winters, Maude Rogers, Maude McDonald, Gracie McMasters, and Gus Fergaston, Ed Bassey, Bert Leforgee, Brook Fingeston, Harry Harris, Harvey Sedgwick, Cass Nicholson, Charley Logan, James Stafford, and Rex Whitehurst.

New Officers.

The annual election of officers of Beaumanoir commandery, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, was held last night. It resulted as follows:

E. C.—W. H. Acuff
G.—Milton Johnson.
C. G.—W. J. Wayne.
Treas.—G. W. Bright.
Sec.—N. L. Krone.
S. W.—M. C. Herman.
T.—Robert Green.
P.—T. W. Pinkerton

Change of Firm.

Fred Kipp has bought the interest of Mark Moran in the grocery store at 654 East Eldorado street, and has assumed all debts and will collect all the bills of the late firm. Yesterday evening he associated with him Frank White, an experienced groceryman, well and favorably known in Decatur, and together they hope by fair dealing and honest prices to retain the old customers of the store and acquire many new ones.

For Cruelty to Animals.

A. W. W. Vaughenlash, a farmer living south of town, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer Leech for cruelty to animals on general principles. He will have a hearing to-day.

COMING EVENTS.

Christmas Night, Louis James—Other Matters.

At the new Grand Opera House an event of more than ordinary interest is being prepared by Manager Haines for the edification of his patrons. It is truly a red-letter program, for he intends presenting Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, "Julius Caesar, with the eminent tragedian, Louis James, as Brutus. Mr. James is an actor whom large experience, unusual talent and uncommon advantages of person enabled his managers to at once place him in the highest artistic rank of legitimate stars. To say that Mr. James has maintained this exalted position is putting it mild, for to-day he is considered by many, in such roles as Brutus, Virginius, etc., our greatest actor. In his company this season are seen the familiar names of F. C. Mosley, H. A. Langdon, Harry Leighton, Mabel Amber, Fanny Gillette and others.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS.

Lillian Lewis, the talented emotional actress, will play "As in a Looking-Glass," on Thursday, Dec. 26. This is Miss Lewis' second season in this play. Last season she bought all the costumes and scenery Mrs Langtry used, and will have it here.

Saturday, the 28th, Gorman's minstrels will be on the boards with a new program.

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A Forger Caught.

A few days ago a man named B. Young, living at Newman, forged a cheque for $50 on Harry Madison, the leading clothier of Tuscola, Ill., got it cashed, and escaped before the forgery was detected. Yesterday he was brought back to Tuscola, having been captured in the southern part of the state, and will have his examination to day.

Says It Is Not So.

Charley Cain came down from Chicago yesterday afternoon. He says the announcement that he and Miss Madge Smith had been married was a mistake. They went to Chicago on the same train, but were not married and had no thoughts of it. The young lady is still in Chicago.

Bound Over.

Fitzpatrick, the slayer of Evert Thresher, had his preliminary examination yesterday at Atwood, and was held, without bail, to await the action of the grand jury.

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Boneless Liver.

There is a coolness existing between the heads of a family living in South Decatur, and all because of an innocent joke played by the female head. The husband is a spoopendyke sort of a fellow who knows it all and his wife told him the other day to be sure and get some boneless liver up to the house in time for supper. She made him put the order on his memorandum book and as he was leaving the house, again cautioned him to be sure and 'get the boneless liver, the other kind wasn't good and he left full of wrath because she seemed to think he was no judge of liver. He went down town and sure enough ordered boneless liver with the air of a man who could not be imposed upon and not until they guyed him and laughed it hinted he drop on the joke. It cost him a couple of dollars to liquidate and he went look at his better half smile.

A Last Advertisement.

Maurice F. Drew, the handsome actor who played the part of Henri de Lagardere, appeared before the curtain between the acts last night, and with charming grace and manner, calculated to fill one's soul with a desire for ice cream and oysters, announced that those delicacies could be obtained of the ladies of Stapps Chapel, in the Library block, after the play. He also expressed an intention of being there himself. Whether he was there or not, a great many were, but all the satisfaction they got for their trip was the pleasure of rattling a locked door to a room filled with gloom and deciphering in the dim light a placard that said, "admission 10 cents." A search was made for the slot, the only inference being that the dime must be dropped in it to work the combination, but none was found.

A Close Call.

Some ancient gentleman from the country, name not ascertainable, had a close call from death yesterday evening, near the St Louis bridge. He was drunk and didn't know a railroad from a ham sandwich, and the passenger train from the west due here at about 7 o'clock, came dashing along and would have been playing football with him in a few minutes longer, had not a man named John Sinclair, of this city, who was returning from a day's hunt, caught the old man and pulled him off the track just in the nick of time. The whisky route is a very dangerous one when it takes a man along railroad tracks.

Thief Captured.

Readers of THE REVIEW will remember reading a few days ago of a horse being stolen from farmer Clow at Cisco. Marshal Mason interested himself in the capture of the thief and send cards to all the surrounding police authorities. Yesterday he received a despatch stating that the thief was captured and the horse recovered, through the instrumentality of his descriptive postals, at Salem, Ill. The marshal is doing a great deal of good work lately, and is an officer Decatur and Macon county may well feel proud of.

A Camp Fire.

The W. C. T. U. met yesterday afternoon at their rooms. It was decided to have a crusade camp fire next Monday night at the rooms. The services Sunday afternoon at 3 30 will be a crusade prayer meeting. The public generally is invited to both services.

Nothing was done about a resolution presented at the council meeting Monday night in reference to the alleged violation of the liquor law. The ladies intimated that if something is not done the city fathers will hear from them again.

Real Estate Transfers.

Thomas J. Muleady to Thomas F. Muleady, warranty deed, lot on East Eldorado street; $3 000.

Thomas F. Muleady to Bridget Muleady, warranty deed, same lot as above, $3,000.

A Small Blaze.

There was a small blaze in the south part of town last night, caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp. The fire department was called out and hurried out there, but found their services not needed.

Fined.

The two boys who rocked Martin Shields a few days ago, were fined $3 and costs yesterday by Justice Curtis.

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Barbarous Cruelties Practiced by a Father.

STORY TOLD BY ONE OF HIS SONS.

The Inhuman Father Stripped Him, Hung Him Up with a Chain, Punctured His Body from Head to Foot with a Pin, and Then Rubbed Whisky into the Sores—The Brute Finally Killed by Another Son.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—A horrible tale of the alleged barbarous cruelty of George A. Guenther, the aged and defenseless old man who was slain by his 16-year-old son Tuesday morning, was related Wednesday by Charles Guenther, an elder brother of the murderer, who called at the office of the chief of police at 9 o'clock Wednesday to secure permission to interview Emile Guenther in his cell in the "hold over," the murderer having surrendered himself Tuesday afternoon. The son's story brands the dead man as a savage fiend incarnate, who delighted in acts of inhumanity toward his children, delighting in torturing them by methods practiced only by the most barbarous. Among other barbarities alleged was the chaining up of the children in dismal apartments, nude, and while in that condition torturing them with all the cruelty practiced in the inquisition.

A Terrible Narrative.

"I have not lived at home for five years," began Charles Guenther. "In 1884 I left the place on Franklin avenue because I could not stand the way I was treated by my father. Since then I have had but little conversation with the family at home, but I am convinced by what I heard from those who know of what was going on there that his savage cruelty toward my sisters and Emile has been kept up. Before I left home my father was guilty of the most horrible treatment of his children that can be imagined. I left the place after one period of slow torture that made me desperate. It was in 1884. I had done something that my father did not like. In fact, it was rarely that any of us could do anything that he did like. It was a small offense, but the way my father tortured me would have made any one believe that he was crazy, or that I had committed some terrible crime. My father was stronger than I, then, and when he announced that he was going to punish me, and commanded me to go with him, I had to obey.

Overpowered by the Old Man.

"He made me go upstairs to a room in the back part of the house which was seldom used. He showed me in, and came in himself and locked the door behind him. Then he brought out some chains that he had hidden somewhere, and when I caught sight of them I set up an outcry that must have almost cleaved the ceiling, but no one heard me, or if they did, they were afraid to come to me. My father shouted to me to stop that infernal noise, and when he found he could not frighten me he jumped at me and we had a regular fight. I bit and hit about me and struggled to throw him off, but he was the more powerful, and finally got the better of me, and, by threatening to do me even greater violence, compelled me to keep quiet. Then he brought out those chains, and began to bind me with them. I thought he had finished then, but, taking up another one, he fastened it around my neck and fixed it so that I could hardly move my head. Then he left me

Inquisition Horrors Paralleled.

"I suffered fiendish tortures then, but I was compelled to submit to more, however. After the lapse of a few hours I heard him coming up the stairs again. He opened the door, and when he stepped inside I noticed he had a bottle of whisky in his hand. He released me from the chains, and compelled me to strip from head to foot, until I stood nude before him. Then he chained me up, and the most horrible thing that ever could be endured then ensued. He took a good sized pin and began pricking me with it from head to foot, until I was bleeding all over. Then he took the whisky bottle and held it for a while, leaving me to surmise what he intended doing, and increasing my anguish double by anticipation of the torture to which I was to be subjected. Then my father wet his fingers from the bottle and rubbed over what seemed to me every sore he had made on my body. He did not rub it all over my body at once, but would rub over a small space until all the stuff had been rubbed in, when he would wet his fingers again and begin on another place.

Ran Away from Home.

"The pain was terrible and excruciating. I must have fainted from it, I think, for I remained in that room all night chained up, and did not know anything until the next morning when my father came up and released me. After that I ran away."

The boy Emile, who is held for beating his father to death, acts like an imbecile, and it is believed that he has been driven insane by the cruelty of his father and the tragedy of Tuesday. Wednesday he failed to recognize his own brother, and when he was appealed to almost supplicatingly, for recognition, there was a silly smile about the murderer's mouth, but nothing to indicate that he was any more than an idiotic creature, disturbed in the silly contemplation of some vagary of a disordered brain.

A Present to Explorer Stanley.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 19.—A spontaneous gathering of the Indian community here waited upon Stanley Wednesday and presented him with an address, inclosed in a silver casket, eulogizing his energy in opening central Africa to commerce. Stanley, in reply, expressed his grateful thanks for the unique compliment paid to him and dwelt upon the bright prospects of the early development of the British East Africa company's territory. He especially urged the importance of connecting Mombassa by railway with the Victoria Nyanza, in view of the fact that the environing provinces were densely populated and would serve as an important market for now dormant European manufactures.

Sir John MacDonald Loyal to Britain.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 19.—Three hundred guests, among them many of Canada's most distinguished citizens, sat down to the Queen's university jubilee banquet at this place. Sir John MacDonald, replying to the toast: "The Dominion Government," declared for British connection and held that the majority of the Canadian people favored it. Ruin and misfortune, he said, would follow severance from Great Britain. No party could ever be formed in Canada having for its object separation from England, either to go it alone or annex to another land.

Illinois Union Veterans' Union.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 19.—The Illinois state department of the Union Veterans' union was organized here Wednesday by electing Gen. John M. McNulta commander. Bloomington was made headquarters. The union is composed of soldiers who saw two years of service at the front.

FORM A RING FOR THEM.

Two New Jersey Men Who Yearn for Each Other's Gore.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Alfred Smith, one of the leading business men of this place, Wednesday openly challenged Bahman, of Englewood, to fight a duel. "I will have your blood or you shall have mine," exclaimed Smith to Bahman in the Hackensack hotel before a crowd of persons. The trouble of the men grew out of the Meyer-Bahman slander suit, which was set down for trial in the county court here Wednesday. The case was settled at the last moment by Bahman retracting a charge he had made against Mrs. Emma Meyer, wife of the proprietor of the National hotel of this place. Bahman also apologized to Mr. Meyer in the presence of a few prominent residents and agreed to pay the cost of court—$50—and Meyer's counsel's fees of $250.

May Yet Be Trouble.

Bahman had said in public that Alfred Smith had been criminally intimate with Mrs. Meyer. After the case was settled Smith sought Bahman and found him in the Hackensack hotel. An exciting scene followed, the two men making charges of cowardice and lying against each other. They were finally led away by friends. Smith declares he will have satisfaction if it costs him his life, and Bahman has instructed his counsel to bring a slander suit against Smith. Both are prosperous business men, and each is over six feet high. The affair has caused much excitement here, and many persons fear there will be serious trouble between the men.

WOMEN LAWYERS IN VIRGINIA.

A Bill Before the Legislature to Allow Them to Practice.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19.—It is a rare thing for a Virginia court to receive an application from a woman for a license to practice law. Recently such an applicant, although fully equipped for the practice of the profession, was denied a certificate by the circuit court of Pittsylvania. The judge held that the word 'person,' used in restricting the class to whom license could be granted, meant the male sex only. To cover this defect and put the gentler sex on an equal footing with the lords of creation a bill was introduced in the Virginia senate Wednesday changing the law so as to allow women to be admitted to the bar.

Can Equal the Sterner Sex.

The woman who was rejected by the Pittsylvania court has for years been assisting in some of the most complicated legal cases. If the bill becomes a law it will not be long before quite a number of women will turn their attention to that field of labor. There are not less than four or five women in the state who can prepare briefs and write out opinions equal to those of some of the best lawyers at the bar.

A SLANDERER WHIPPED.

Sensational Affair on the Streets of Newark, N. J.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Frank Miller, a young saloon keeper, was publicly horsewhipped Wednesday afternoon by Eva Hayes. For several hours the woman had loitered about Miller's residence on Fair street waiting for him, and several times she sent messenger boys to his house saying that a man wanted to see him on the corner. Her object was known, and dozens of sympathizing men stood in the street waiting for Miller to come out of the house. When he appeared she dashed at him and dealt him a blow over the face.

He Slandered Her Sister.

The man seemed paralyzed for a moment, and then realizing the situation started on a run, with the woman in pursuit. He eluded her by running into an alley. Eva's sister and Miller had been engaged to be married, and the wedding was set for Nov. 25 last. A few days before that time it was learned that Miller had married and was living with his wife in Fair street. Miller spoke against the girl's character, and this aroused the indignation of her sister and led to the thrashing.

Will Pay Dollar for Dollar.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 19.—C. J. L. Meyer returned Wednesday from Hermansville, Mich., and made the first statement regarding his business troubles. He denies that the failure was due to any criminal act by his son Julius, but was owing to the unfortunate business methods of the young man, who had charge of the Chicago house, and too heavy investments in a particular branch of the business. In a letter to his father Julius made his father acquainted with the condition of the firm's affairs, and said he could not face his father, and that he would never see his son again. Mr. Meyer says the firm he is connected with will be able to pay 100 cents on the dollar.

The Late Henry Shaw's Will.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—There is a big dispute over the literal meaning of the will of the late Henry Shaw, who bequeathed the Missouri Botanical gardens and other property to the public or city of St. Louis. The board of trustees created by the will organized without the mayor, who is named in the will as one of the trustees, by electing Rufus J. Lackland president of the board. Now comes Mrs Edom, housekeeper and nurse for for Mr. Shaw in his old age, and says it was the intention of Mr. Shaw that the mayor of St Louis should be at the head of the board of trustees. Some interesting litigation may grow out of the controversy.

Death of a Well Known Theatrical Man.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—David Bidwell, the oldest and best known of the theatrical managers of the south, and the owner of the Academy of Music and St. Charles theatre in New Orleans, died here Wednesday evening in his 69th year. He was born in June, 1821, in Stuyvesant on the Hudson. Mr. Bidwell became connected with the theatrical business in 1853. He was called the Napoleon of managers, and was with the exception of J. H. McVicker, of Chicago, the oldest active manager in the country.

Wanted to See Her "Uncle Joe."

HOLLAND, Mich., Dec. 19.—A few days ago little 6-year-old Edna DeLong, of Grand Junction, ran down to the depot to see her "Uncle Joe." She did not know where her Uncle Joe lived, but knew he went to the depot to go home. She managed to get on a train, and, being unable to give the conductor any information as to where she wanted to go, she was taken to Chicago and turned over to the police, by whom she was taken care of until her parents arrived to claim her.

Prohibition in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 19.—The prohibition bill was called up in the senate Wednesday afternoon and after a bitter fight was passed by a vote of 23 to 8. It was hurried to the house, where the amendments were concurred in, and the bill was passed, thus going through both houses. Before it could pass the senate it was necessary to strike out the emergency clause putting the law into effect May 1. It now takes the regular course and will go into effect July 1.

"SALTED" THE MINES.

How a Man's Business Standing Was Ruined.

A PECULIAR SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

A Chicago Man Unwittingly Used by California Parties to Defraud His Acquaintances—An Aged Iowa Man Swindled Out of $3,000 by a Medium—He Left His Second Wife to Live with the Spirit of His First Love.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A singular suit has been brought by Charles Lacy Plumb, of Chicago, in the United States district court against William Whalen of Eureka, charging him with fraud by means of "salted" mines near Eureka. He claims $25,000 damages. The complainant alleges that two years ago Whalen represented to him that he had valuable mines near Eureka, the ore from which assayed $85. Samples showed that even more than this amount of gold. The names of the mines were St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Peter and the Goddess of Liberty. Whalen prepared circulars and maps giving a glowing picture of the mines, which he represented as the only real rival of Comstock.

Ruined His Business Standing.

He hired Plumb to sell the stock in Chicago, telling him that the names of the mines alone would float the stock among good Catholics. Plumb, who had a good business acquaintance, sold a large amount of the stock in Chicago, especially to Irishmen, at $40 per share and upward, his commissions alone amounting to $6,000. Soon after, Plumb alleges, he discovered that the ore did not come from Whalen's mines, but from a neighboring district. The result is he has lost his business standing and wants damages for being used in a swindle.

SWINDLED BY A MEDIUM.

How an Aged Resident of Iowa Was Defrauded of His Money.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 19.—A West Union dispatch says that Paul Hill, an old resident over 70 years of age, was called recently to Pennsylvania by the spirit of his former wife through a medium. Taking his earthly partner with him he went to Hop Bottom (wherever that may be) where he was induced to leave his wife and live with his spirit affinity. The medium got his money—$3,000—and his wife came back. His eyes are now opened to the fraud, and he will try to recover the money he gave up. It is said that his wife's spirit wanted some apples, whereupon he bought and gave the medium 200 barrels. Silk dresses and other material things were offered to the ghost and appropriated by the woman of flesh until he is penniless. Mr. Hill has been an ardent supporter of Christian science until it is believed his mind is turned.

Arrested for Shoplifting.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Maud Curran, one of the supposed most faithful workers of the charitable associations of this city, was detected Tuesday night in stealing a lace handkerchief in a retail dry goods house. A gold watch and chain were also found in her possession. She was taken to police headquarters and a detective went to her home, 1420 Belvidere street, and searched the house, where he found jewelry, clothing and articles of all descriptions. He also arrested Miss Curran's sister. Wednesday morning the property recovered was identified by several firms as belonging to them. It is valued at $1,000. The bonds of the Misses Curran were fixed at $500 each, which they could not give.

They Stole $1,410.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19.—The total amount secured by the robbers of the State National bank at Pawtucket Wednesday is $1,410, the thieves having dropped $1,900 in their flight from the premises. There is no good description of the men, and no clew to their whereabouts.

Timber Fires Set by Indians.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 19.—A practical lumberman who has explored the whole northern region is authority for the statement that the government has lost $3,000,000 in timber dues alone since 1882 through fires set by Indians. He says that $100,000,000 would not cover the amount of timber that has been destroyed by fire between Lake Dauphin and Lake Winnipeg. The extent of this deplorable and wanton destruction can only be realized by visiting the devastated districts. The Indians set the fires to drive game and signal friends, and evidently take no precautions to prevent them spreading to the valuable timber stretch.

A Negro Murderer Lynched.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 19.—"Doc" Jones, a colored barber, got drunk Wednesday night and went to the shop of John Westerfield, a white barber, to raise a disturbance, and was ordered out. He returned in twenty minutes, and opening the door shot Westerfield three times and killed him. He was arrested at once and taken to jail. At 1:30 Thursday morning groups of men were seen going down Main street toward the jail. A leader was chosen and the crowd attacked the jail. After the mob had gotten inside the jailer gave them his keys and Jones was taken to the court house yard and hanged.

Mr. Dittman's Hat Found.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—A hat which has been identified by members of the Dittman family as the one worn by the missing banker, Joseph D. Dittman, when he met with the supposed fatal accident Wednesday last has been found on the west bank of the Schuylkill river. Friends of the family think this is evidence of death by drowning, and they now believe that Mr. Dittman is dead and that his body is at the bottom of the river.

Mysterious Case at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The body of a woman, badly mutilated, was found in the yard of the house 111 Albany street Wednesday morning. The police think that the deceased fell from the roof of the house, but the occupants of the building say that they do not know her, which makes the case a mysterious one. The police are investigating it.

A Noted Horticulturist Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—John Henderson, of Brooklyn, the noted horticulturist, died Wednesday evening, aged 71 years. He was a native of England. He was noted not only for learning, but for philanthropy, having given liberally of his large fortune to charitable objects.

One Killed, Another Injured.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio, Dec. 19.—A cinder tap burst in the rolling mill here Thursday morning with terrific force, shattering a portion of the building and instantly killing a workman named Richard Horner. Another man was badly injured.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A new company, under the the name of the Valley Steel company, is to open the Western Nail mills at Belleville, Ills., on Jan. 1. The mills have been closed for nearly a year. They will give employment to a force of 300 men.

Nora Smith, a young woman of Zanesville, Ohio, was arrested at Toledo, Wednesday, for stealing a suit of clothes. She was dressed in men's attire, and for several years had been traveling about the country under the name of Charles White.

The Atlantic Stone company, of Boston, has purchased seven squares in the heart of Parkersburg, W. Va., from the Jackson brothers. Underlying the soil are immense quarries of valuable stone. Two hundred men will be put to work at once.

At Pottstown, Pa., there is a family of five women whose tastes are so different that they have established a rule requiring each one to do her own cooking.

A committee of the Virginia legislature will visit Mrs. Jefferson Davis to urge her to permit the remains of her husband to be buried in Richmond.

The directors of the Baltimore and Ohio road on Wednesday declared a dividend of 3 per cent. for the six months ended Sept. 30 on the first and second series of preferred stock.

At Racine, Wis., Tuesday evening, Mayor Mitchell recommended to the council that all electric light wires be removed from the streets and the recommendation was adopted. The companies claim that the expenses of putting the wires underground would be enormous.

Burglars at Sioux City, Iowa, Tuesday night, secured nearly $800 worth of seal hats and fine fur goods from the store of Stuart & McCurdy.

Richard Matthews and Jesse Lemmons quarreled at a corn-shucking Wednesday near Bristol, Tenn. Matthews stabbed Lemmons to death and then attempted to commit suicide.

A farmer named Chris Achtefeldt, living at New Lebanon, Ills., on Tuesday night knocked down Mrs. Stoll, a widow, and then cut her throat. Trouble had been brewing between them for some time.

Live stock commissioners and veterinaries of various states began a convention Wednesday at Springfield, Ills. Tuberculosis and Texas fever were the principal subjects discussed.

During a thunder storm Tuesday evening at Jasper, Mo., two young sons of George Cashell were riding a horse to the creek for water when a stroke of lightning came and instantly killed both boys and the horse.

A farm near Macduff, Scotland, has been handed down from father to son for 300 years.

Fresno county, Cal., has a hermit who has lived there thirty years without seeing the county seat.

A dance given for the purpose of raising money with which to buy a hearse was one of the events of last week in Oxford county, Mo.

Real Estate Excitement at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 19.—Real estate circles were greatly agitated Wednesday afternoon by the filing of 115 suits to quiet the titles to property valued at more than $5,000,000. The land lies between Marshall and St. Anthony avenues, in the heart of a fine residence district, and comprises more than 100 acres. The suits are brought by Augustus K. Barnum and many others against Joseph D. Dunn, Henry Dunlevy, and their wives, who owned the property in 1858 and whose heirs now turn up with alleged titles to it.

Chicago Policemen "Fired."

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—There were five more discharges issued from the office of Superintendent of Police Hubbard Thursday. The officers removed are Detectives Palmer and Flynn, Patrolman Michael Ahern, Officer Daniel Cunningham, and Station Keeper Peter Kelly, of the Desplaines Street station. The charges are in each case "conduct unbecoming a police officer and neglect of duty," but it is said that the men are all removed for their actions during the Cronin trial.

Pennsylvania State Debt Reduced.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 19. — Governor Beaver announces a reduction of $881,950 in the state debt during the year ended Nov. 30, 1889.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.

Quotations on the board of trade today were as follows: Wheat—No. 2 December, opened 77⅛c, closed 77⅞c; January, opened 78¼c, closed 78⅝c; May, opened 83¾c, closed 83⅝c. Corn—No. 2 December, opened 34c, closed 33¼c; January, opened and closed 31⅝c; May, opened and closed 33⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December, opened and closed 20¾c; January, opened 20⅞c, closed 21c, May, opened 22⅝c, closed 22⅞c. Pork—Year, opened and closed $8.65, January, opened $9.30, closed $9.25; May, opened $9.70, closed $9.67½. Lard—May, opened $6.65, closed $6.67½.

Live stock.—Following were the quotations at the Union Stock yards: Hogs—Market opened active and firm; prices 5c higher light grades, $3.55@3.75; rough packing, $3.60@3.55; mixed lots, $3.55@3.75; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.55@3.75. Cattle—Market steady; beeves, poor to fancy, $3.00@5.25; bulls, $3.50@3.90; cows, $1.20@2.85; stockers and feeders, $2.20@3.00. Sheep—Market steady; muttons, $3.50@5.40; lambs, $5.00@6.50; western sheep, $4.50@5.25.

Produce: Butter—Fancy Elgin creamery, 28@28½c per lb; finest dairy, 21@24c; packing stock, 7@9c. Eggs—Strictly fresh; 21@22c per doz; ice house, 15@18c. Live poultry—Hens, 6c per lb; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 8c; geese, $4.50@5.00 per doz. Potatoes—Beauty of Hebron, 36@38c per bu, on track; common and mixed lots, 25@30c. Apples—Good to fancy, $1.25@2.50 per bbl. Cranberries—Wisconsin, $2.65@2.75 per box.

New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

Wheat—No. 2 red winter cash, 86⅝c; do January, 83¾; do February, 86⅞c; do March, 88c. Corn—No. 2 mixed cash, 43¼c; do December, 42⅝c; do January, 41¼c; do February, 40¾c. Oats—Dull; No. 2 mixed cash, 20@20¼c; do December, 20¼c; January, 29c. Rye—Dull. Barley—Nominal. Pork—Dull; mess, $10.75 for inspected. Lard—Steady; December, $5.95; Januaary, $6.16; February, $6.25.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 19.

Wheat—Cash, 81¼c; January, 82c; May, 85⅛c. Corn—Cash, 33⅛c. Oats—Cash, 22½c. Clover seed—cash and January, $3.50.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS Mo., Dec. 19.

Wheat—Higher; cash and December, 78c; January, 78⅛c; May, 82⅛c. Corn—Higher; cash and December, 27½c; January, 27⅛c; May, 29⅛. Oats—Firm; cash, 19⅝c; May, 22⅛@22⅜c. Pork—Firm; cash, $9.37½; January, $9.50; February, $9.80. Lard—Dull; $5.62½. Whisky—Steady; $1.02.

Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.

Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 80c; No. 2 red cash, 81c; December, 81c bid; May, 85⅝c. Corn—No. 2 cash, and December, 33c. Oats—No. 2 cash, 24c; No. 2 white cash, 25½c.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.

Wheat—Firm; No. 2 spring on track cash, 78@75c; May, 77¼c; No. 1 nortern, 82c. Corn—Firm; No. 3 on track, 29½@30c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 White on track, 23c. Rye—Easier; No. 1 in store, 48½c. Barley—Easier; No. 2 in store, 46½c.

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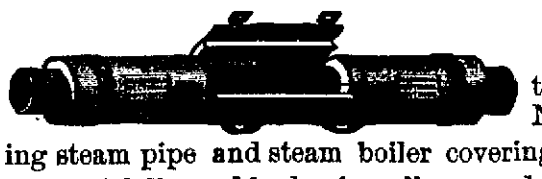

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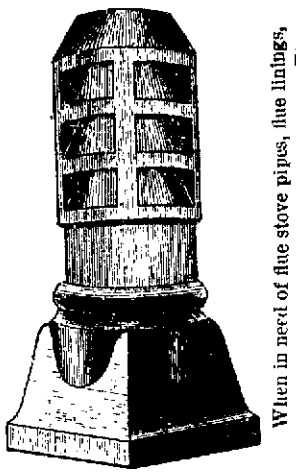

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SOMETHING ABOUT TOYS.

THE PLAYTHINGS OF ANCIENT AND MODERN TIMES.

Evidences That the Ancient Egyptians Were Ingenious Toy Makers In the Middle Ages Good and Bad Playthings for the Youth of Today.

[illegible] things hist [illegible] trifling [illegible] the amusement of the young, and we may safely infer that wherever children have existed they have not been without playthings. From the earliest historical times we find traces of toys many of them of complicated and ingenious construction. Among the specimens disinterred from Egyptian tombs are dolls, elastic balls, [illegible] evidently used in the same way as our marbles, and footballs securely covered with leather. Movable puppets have also been discovered consisting of jointed dolls, [illegible] working rollers, kneading bread, etc, when pulled by a string. Models of animals of all kinds seem to have been pretty abundant among the Egyptians. The crocodile is not unnaturally one of the most common of these and some wooden crocodiles have been found with the upper jaw hinged.

[illegible] THE WHIPPING TOP

[illegible] Cyprus have supplied us with some specimens of the toys of ancient Greece such as painted dolls of clay, modeled with the fingers, mounted cavaliers armed with shields, and cars to which horses are harnessed four abreast. We also know from Suidas that the Greek lads anticipated our own in the use of whipping tops.

The Roman toys were of various kinds, including popguns, bows and arrows and many varieties of dolls and puppets, some of the latter being loose jointed and movable by a string, like our modern marionettes. The whipping top, too, which was perhaps borrowed from the Greeks, was a favorite toy, and is thus referred to by Virgil in the seventh book of the Æneid (Conington's translation)

> Like top that whirling 'neath the thong
> Is scourged by eager boys along
> Bent on their gamesome strife
> With eddying motion it careers
> Round empty courts in circling spheres,
> The beardless troop in strange amaze
> Upon the winged boxwood gaze,
> The lashes lend it life

Dr. Paris in his curious and interesting book, "Philosophy in Sport Made Science in Earnest," says that the Romans probably introduced this toy into Britain. A game very similar to marbles, but played with nuts, seems also to have been common in ancient Rome. It is stated by Suetonius that Augustus, when a youth, spent many hours of the day in playing with little Moorish boys "cum nucibus."

The same toys, with variations, seem to have been popular throughout the Middle Ages. Marginal paintings in fourteenth century manuscripts represent boys whipping tops [illegible] the same shape as those now in use. [illegible] writer in 158[illegible] mentions rattles, [illegible] hobby horses and drums as among the [illegible] toys of his time. In the Harleian manuscripts at the British museum there is a very [illegible] anecdote about the whipping top, showing it to have been well known at the end of the Sixteenth century. It refers to Henry, the eldest son of James I of England and VI of Scotland. "The first tyme that the Prince went to the towne of Stirling to meete the King seeing a little without the gate of the towne a stack of corne in [illegible] not unlike a topp wherewith he used to play he said to some that were with him 'Loe, there is a goodly top!' whereupon one of them saying, 'Why doe you not play with it then?' he answered, 'Set it up for me and I will play with it.'"

MODERN TOYS

Our modern toys are so varied as to defy enumeration and their rough classification is [illegible] attempted. Imitation being the [illegible] of many childish modes of recreation we are not surprised to find that it has been largely drawn upon in the construction of toys. Horses, dogs, babies, houses, windmills and boats form very favorite playthings and are made in materials so widely different as iron, wood, wax and india-rubber. Additional faithfulness to nature is obtained in some cases by adding mimicry of sounds and actions. Thus dogs are made to bark, dolls to open their eyes and utter strange noises supposed to mean "mamma" or "papa," while monkeys climb up a pole and run about the floor.

Another series of toys, perhaps the most [illegible] as well as the most [illegible] appeals to the spirit of [illegible] love of [illegible] rather than to any intrinsic [illegible] playthings themselves. To this [illegible] marbles, balls, [illegible] bricks, [illegible] in fact all toys which call [illegible] of skill and ability when [illegible]

[illegible] owes its success to exciting [illegible] wonder and surprise, but as [illegible] a jovial [illegible] such toys must take [illegible] rank from an intellectual point of view. [illegible] them we may reckon the magnetic swan which follows a loadstone, [illegible] the automaton figures worked [illegible] crackers, Jacks in the box, etc. [illegible] come the kind which give pleasure to children by gratifying their love of noise, including trumpets, drums, pistols and squeaking abominations of all sorts. These probably give more annoyance to the elders than pleasure to the youngsters.—Chambers' Journal

A Defense of the Sportsman

There are large numbers of well meaning but morbid minded individuals, male and female, who by constantly exercising their imagination and feeding on fanciful portraits have persuaded themselves that the average sportsman is a Raw Head and Bloody Bones, up to divers sorts of red handed cruelty and delighting in the torture of all animate beings, from a chippy bird to an elephant. It is useless and purposeless to reason with such people or to attempt to show them the foolishness of their prejudices and misconceptions. There are some things that are just as well not attempted. It is of no use to descant to a blind man of the beauties of the sunset, to look for emotion in a deaf and dumb person at a symphony concert or to expect a sentimental, bigoted and misinformed person to appreciate what field sports and wood life mean to those who find pleasure in them.—Forest and Stream

Lucid.

On board an ocean steamer a gentleman wished to help a lady, who was of an inquiring mind, to comprehend the principle of the steam engine. This is how he cleared away all difficulties.

"Why, you see, ma'am," quoth he, "it's just one thing goes up, and then another thing comes down, and then they let the smoke on, which makes the wheels go round. That's what they call the hydraulic principle. It's quite simple when you know it."

"Law me, I never understood it before! But then I never had it properly explained," replied the fair listener.—Youth's Companion.

"Send Down 113."

Out in the far west on one cold night in January a horrible accident occurred. Snow several feet in depth covered the ground.

The little town of B—— was perfectly quiet, and not one of its inhabitants dreamed of the scene of disaster that would soon be witnessed. The small station house was for the time deserted, the station master having gone to the store not far distant. Poll sat all alone in the cozy little station house, ever and anon talking to herself. "Polly wants a cracker, pretty Poll, pretty Poll." Then with a wise shake of her head she flew to a shelf that was just above the telephone, rang, and receiving the answering ring shouted "Send down 113." Then flying back to her perch, she was quietly sitting there when the master returned.

There was no telegraph in that part of the country, and Poll had often watched her master talk through the telephone to the station master at Jerome, a small town not many miles distant. In about half an hour the passenger train was due. When it was nearly time for the train to come the station master thought that he heard the noise of a train in each direction, but concluding that he was mistaken he did not trouble himself to look out. In a few minutes the passenger train passed up, but it did not stop, and in another moment a fearful crash was heard, a piercing shriek rang out upon the night air and then piteous groans were heard. Snatching up a lantern, the station master hurried out. A fearful scene was before him. The freight train attached to engine 113 had come into collision with the passenger train.

Fifteen passengers and both engineers were killed, and five passengers were injured seriously. In a short time the whole town was astir. The injured were cared for, and an engine arrived and pushed the broken cars on a side track. Much excitement prevailed throughout the town. The people wondered who it was who had telephoned to the station master at Jerome. They did not solve the mystery for many a long day, and both station masters very nearly lost their situations, but as nothing could be proved against them they were allowed to remain. One evening in June as the station master at B—— sat dozing in his chair he was aroused by hearing the telephone ring. Looking up, he saw Poll sitting on the shelf above the telephone and heard her call out in her shrill voice "Send down 113."

At last the mystery had been solved.—Philadelphia Times.

A Dress Suit Station.

The first men's furnishing goods store established on Fifth avenue was opened some years ago by a wide awake young fellow whose name I do not now recall, but the location was just above Twenty second street, on the west side of the thoroughfare, says a writer in The Clothier and Furnisher. The rent was gaining on the proprietor, and he often had to cudgel his brains for ways and means to meet his expenses. A large and well fitted up basement was literally useless to him, and he determined to make this space productive. Accordingly he hit upon a plan of filling a long felt want by putting in a series of lockers and several dressing rooms.

These lockers were rented at a specified sum per month to those clubmen and men about town who wanted to have a duplicate dress suit in a central location in case of being pressed for time and unable to reach their residences to make a more leisurely toilet. This scheme was a great boon to a number of rather gay benedicts who would be ostensibly kept out late on business, and, returning early in the morning jaded and mussed looking, having resumed their every day clothes, receive the sympathy of a too confiding spouse. It was the easiest thing in the world early in the evening to stroll in the store, get a shirt, collar and cuffs and necktie, or what was needed, saunter down stairs, and, opening the locker, proceed to array himself a la swallowtail for the evening racket.

The clever retailer was doing an excellent business with his tenants aside from the goodly return from rentals but in an unlucky moment the wife of the hypocritical lessee, and more frequent utilizers of the locker system solved the mystery that took so many gentlemen late o' nights down the steps under a Fifth avenue store. The rumpus raised promptly exposed the utility of the basement and ultimately broke up the promising business of the enterprising sub letter, so that he afterward gave up the ship. I have often wondered that his example has not been imitated. I fancy that no such scheme exists at present, otherwise I should in all likelihood have heard of it.

Mississippi Navigation.

The first vessel that ever entered the Mississippi from the sea was the French frigate Renommee and the Gironde Jan 6, 1700, and these vessels proceeded as far as the Tensas, which they reached April 13. The first vessel built on the banks of the Mississippi by white men was in 1541 shortly after the death and burial of De Soto. The boatmen and early navigators of the present century were long in danger from Indians and pirates. A notorious resort for these was Crows' Nest, or Stack Island, and many flat boats and crews were sacrificed there until these pests were exterminated by mob law in 1809. For the five years following 1822, however, the destruction by snags on the Ohio and Mississippi amounted to $1,362,500, though the next five years showed but $381,000 loss from the same cause. In 1842 there were 450 steamboats on the Mississippi and its tributaries, with an average burden of 200 tons and an aggregate value of $7,200,000.

In operating these boats about 35,750 persons were employed. The average value of the products carried each season was something like $200,000, or an aggregate of $90,000,000 to 1842.

Previous to the adoption of steam navigation the whole commerce from New Orleans to the upper country was carried in about twenty barges, averaging 100 tons each and making but one trip a year, while there were not over 150 keel boats on the upper Ohio, carrying about 30 tons each and making the trip from Pittsburg to Louisville and back in two months, or about three voyages in a season. From 1811 to 1850 576 boats were lost, valued at over $7,000,000. In 233 cases the killed and wounded aggregated 4,660. The average age of all the boats lost was five years. From 1816 to 1871 there were 89 explosions, involving a loss of life in each varying from 1 to 1,640.—Nashville Herald.

Feline Retrievers.

There are two cats in Perry that are excellent retrievers. Recently Maj. Brunson had been shooting English sparrows in his horse lot. These cats, by their own motion, have learned that the report of a gun means something to their benefit, if properly attended to. Consequently, they closely watch the major when he picks up his gun. When he fires, they rush out and pick up the bird, whenever he is fortunate enough to kill one. They persistently claim and devour every bird they get.—Savannah News.

A Peculiar Predicament.

Said a man to his bosom friend, who was about to get married. "I suppose I ought to wish you both much happiness; but as I don't know the bride I cannot congratulate you. On the other hand, as I know you only too well, I cannot congratulate the bride."—El Peru Illustrado.

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vs
Elisha B. Durfee, Harry B. Durfee, Lucretia B. Durfee, Nellie Durfee, Maud Durfee, Frank Durfee, Fred Durfee and Frank D. Caldwell, defendants.
} In Chancery.

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Board at Combs' restaurant.

Oysters, all styles, at Huff's.

Good board at Huff's restaurant.

Icecream on hand at all times at Wood's.

Dates, figs and nuts at all times at Wood's.

Oysters, raw, stewed or fried, at Wood's.

Taffy, our own make, fresh every day, at Wood's.

Henry Bros. keep the best bread in the city.

Read S. M. Lutz's offer of special prices on organs.

Cuff and collar boxes in variety at Irwin's drug store.

Butter and eggs at Webster & Co.'s, 217 North Main.

Soft nut coal $1.50 per ton delivered.—F. D. Caldwell.

Fine holiday goods at bottom prices at Irwin's drug store.

For pure drugs and fine holiday goods, go to Irwin's drug store.

Manicure sets and work boxes in variety at Irwin's drug store.

For this week and next Peake & Son have their special holiday sale.

Good warm rooms at Combs' European hotel. Go there to board.

If you want a good, clean, wholesome lunch, go to Henry Bros.

Plush color cases in variety, at reduced prices, at Irwin's drug store.

Florida oranges, very fine and cheap, at Wood's, 142 Merchant street.

The finest line of candies in the city at Wood's, 142 Merchant street.

Oxydized silver comb and brush and manicure sets at Irwin's pharmacy.

Stop in at Peake & Sons' and see their elegant display of holiday goods.

The candy men do not expect the big trade to begin until next Monday.

Green apples, grapes and canned fruit at Webster & Co.'s, 217 North Main.

Go to Combs' restaurant and European hotel opposite Grand opera house.

Prayer books, fine bindings, large assortment, at J. E. Saxton's book store.

Excelsior Dairies for 1890 now ready at the City Book store. J. H. Bevans.

Peake & Son are the jewelers that are slaughtering prices on goods this year.

Watches are cheaper this year than ever, because Peake & Son have cut the price.

Swell body and Portland sleighs and bobsleds for sale at Spencer & Lehman Co.

Pure buckwheat flour in bulk at W. C. Webster & Co.'s, 217 North Main street.

Huff's restaurant is the place for good meals and lunches. Open day and night.

Remember Hunter has the George Washington Hatchet Brand of oysters at wholesale. Best in the market.

Gold pens, beautiful pearl handles, just the thing for a gift, at J. E. Saxton's book store.

Go to the Spencer & Lehman company for feed cutters, feed grinders and corn shellers.

You can find handsome Christmas presents for your musical friends at S. M. Lutz' music store.

Call and see the beautiful novelties in jewelry, shown by W. W. Scudder, 229 North Water.

YOU will always find good goods, guaranteed just as represented, at Scudder's, 239 North Water.

Shaving parlor, 769 East Cerro Gordo street. Shaving and hair cutting in style —C. B. Smith.

Sunday school teachers can find a beautiful line of booklets and cards at J. E. Saxton's book store.

When you want anything in the grocery line, call on E. R. Culver, 760 North Church street, or telephone No. 8.

Awnings put up and fine upholstering and repairing of all kinds done to suit you by A. Beer, North Main.

A fine assortment of guitars, mandolins, violins, banjos, music books, folios and rolls for Christmas, at Prescott's.

Prudent housekeepers who want to preserve their reputation as breadmakers, should always use Hatfield's flour.

If you are looking for anything in the jewelry line, do not fail to give W. W. Scudder a call, 239 North Water street.

The largest and cleanest soft coal ever offered to the Decatur trade at $1.50 per ton delivered. F. D. Caldwell.

Come to the "Standard" office in Library block on William street, and see how quick and how nice it will make a button hole.

No more useful Christmas present can be given than a Merritt Typewriter. $15. Office in Library Block, on William street.

At the Decatur Musical college lessons are given in piano, violin, organ, harmony, theory and elocution. Pupils may enter at any time.

Don't throw those old shoes away. They are the easiest friends you have. Just take them to E. W. Chandler, Tabernacle building, for repairs.

The members of Prof. Colby's German class are requested to meet Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30, at the rooms of the Decatur Musical college.

Miss Cena Fletcher has moved to 145 West Cerro Gordo street, where she will still continue dressmaking and teaching the Fountain tailor system.

All who have examined the new stock of fine etchings at the City Book store are loud in their praises of this beautiful line of pictures. To all who think of purchasing we say again, come and look at them. J. H. Bevans.

Plush goods, toilet sets, jewel cases, manicure sets, work boxes, odor cases, shaving sets, smokers' sets, bought way under regular rates, and offered at very low prices at J. E. Saxton's book store.

Button hooks, nut picks, pickle forks, fruit knives, cream and sugar spoons, in all new styles, at Scudder's, 239 North Water; also a fine line of oxydized silver goods. Hair ornaments, oxydized combs and bonbon boxes.

Such a display of elegant albums as can now be seen at the City Book store has never before been made in Decatur. The stock includes all grades, in plush and leather, and are selling at marvelously low prices. J. H. Bevans.

As no investment is cheaper than that made for education, 'tis the duty of parents to unite instruction with pleasure if possible. Teach boys and girls now to use the "Merritt" typewriter, and thus become highly proficient in spelling and punctuation.

We take the lead in gold watches. We can sell you a lady's solid gold stem-winding gold watch from $15 up. Call and see our stock and get our wonderfully low prices. If you are thinking of investing in a watch of any kind, call and inspect our stock. Boys' watches from $5 up. Post's Jewelry Store, 158 Merchant street.

You will surely regret it if you purchase anything in the way of brush and comb sets, shaving sets, cuff and collar boxes, jewel boxes, odor cases; in fact any article in the way of plush goods, before looking at the stock at the City Book store. The stock is all fresh and new, purchased direct from a large manufacturer for cash, and our low prices will astonish you. J. H. Bevans.

Our Grandmothers

are pioneers in the use of the hand needle, but how many do their sewing that way now? Remember this is an age of progress, and suppose there is only one HONEST, FIRST-CLASS dealer, who obtained the exalted position by honest effort in the city of Decatur, if you who are anticipating the purchase of a first-class sewing machine will take the advice of one who has had a little experience, you will only have to casually remark, "I intend trying the Standard Rotary Shuttle sewing machine before I make a choice." Then quietly take notes. Do you catch the idea?

Standard Sewing Machine office on William street, in Library Block.

A Good Year.

There is one young professional man in Decatur who sees 1889 draw to a close with considerable satisfaction. That is Dr. C. G. Taylor, the dentist, who just a little over a year ago opened an office in Fenton block. His business has grown steadily from the first, until now his practice is one of the best in the city. His appointment book is filled for weeks in advance.

Comfort and Pleasure.

Nothing gives such comfort as an easy pair of slippers, and if they are nice looking, the satisfaction is greater. Walter Hutchin's holiday slippers are new in style, and fine. Nothing nicer to show any where, and the prices are right. He also has an elegant line of fine shoes, that will make admirable Christmas presents. Sign of big shoe, 117 North Water.

To Be Remembered.

Dr. Stoner has for several years put in a stock of holiday goods that in choice and variety of selection was not to be excelled. He has done so this season, and wants you to come and see the finest line of plush goods, toilet articles and fancy nic-nacs, just the things for presents. His store is at 241, south side New Square.

Gift Books.

"In a Far Country," by Irene Jerome; "A Last Winter," by Elizabeth Stewart; "Flower Fancies," Prang's last gift book; "The Bridal of Trierman," by Walter Scott; "The Babyhood of Christ," by Lew Wallace; "Ebers' Gallery" and a host of other fine art books, the best collection in the city at J. E. Saxton's book store.

Interested People.

Advertising a patent medicine in the peculiar way in which the proprietor of Kemp's Balsam for coughs and colds does, it is indeed wonderful. He authorizes all druggists to give those who call for it a sample bottle free, that they may try it before purchasing. The large bottles are 50c and $1. We certainly would advise a trial. It may save you from consumption. 7

Special Diamond Sale.

From now until Christmas we shall offer special bargains in diamond goods. The lowest prices and the largest and finest stock in the city. More diamonds than the combining stocks of other jewelers. Call and see our window display and get our prices before you buy. Post's Jewelry Store, 158 Merchant street.

Everybody's Typewriter.

Price complete, $15. A simple, compact machine within the means of all.

You need not go to school to learn how to use it, nor mortgage your farm to buy it.

Office on William street in library block.

News About Town.

It is the current report about town that Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs is making some remarkable cures with people who are troubled with coughs, sore throat, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Any druggist will give you a trial bottle free of cost. It is guaranteed to relieve and cure. Trial bottles are 50c and $1. 8

The Iron Molders'

grand ball will be given on Christmas Eve. All are invited. No pains will be spared to make it the most enjoyable of the season. A handsome Christmas gift will be given each lady present.

Fine Etchings,

New and choice, and at prices within the reach of all. Nothing nicer for a holiday gift. The largest and finest stock in the city at J. E. Saxton's book store.

Teachers' Bibles.

Any one who wants a Bible of any kind should not fail to see the largest and best assortment in the city, which they will find at J. E. Saxton's book store.

Wanted.

Several good men to sell nursery stock for the Bloomington (Phœnix) nursery in the state; 600 acres, 13 green houses. Address S. A. D. Gray, general agent, Decatur, Ill.

Oysters,

the best in the city, by the can or in bulk, at Wood's, 142 Merchant street.

THE COUNTY FATHERS.

Considering the Interests of Their Constituents.

Board met yesterday morning pursuant to adjournment.

Claims against the county were read and referred.

The purchasing committee reported the purchase of a No. 6 Diebold fire-proof safe for county superintendent's office at a cost of $80, and the freight and drayage, $14.78, was to be deducted from the original price.

A committee was appointed to confer in conjunction with the county overseers of of the poor with the Woman's Charitable Union committee, regarding the matter of establishing a work house and friendly inn.

The salaries of the county officers were audited and allowed.

The committee on fees and salaries reported the semi-annual report of G. P. Hardy to be correct, and recommended that an order for $3,340.20 be drawn on the treasury in his favor. The total receipts of the county clerk's office for the half year ending Nov. 30 are.....$2,905 42
Total expenditures..... .... 2,224 25

Balance due county..... .....$ 681 17

Report of overseer of the poor, W. A. Holman, was approved and recorded. The expenditures for the last quarter to date amount to $2,920.51.

The report of V. Barber, superintendent of the poor, was placed on file.

The superintendent of the poor farm submitted a communication, relating to two old ladies at the hospital, which was referred.

In the matter of the case of Macon county vs. E. McClellan was referred to the judiciary committee, with instructions to report on same to-day at 10 o'clock

The committee reported the statement of the county treasurer to be correct from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 1889. The county orders and jury certificates for those months amount to $10,438.66. The county treasurer was requested to make out a list of money not belonging to the county, and report same at the next meeting of the board.

County Treasurer Steele's statement shows $44,442.06 in the treasury Nov. 30, 1889.

The statement of Mr. Roberts, in relation to employing a physician to treat a resident afflicted with sore eyes, was referred back to him with power to act.

The judiciary committee recommended that an appeal be taken in the case of John H. Manzy vs. Macon county, and their recommendation was adopted.

The judiciary committee recommended that three trustees be appointed for the Spangler Burial ground, and that Andrew Sheets, B. Jamison and G. W. March be appointed said trustees. The recommendations prevailed and the clerk instructed to notify the gentlemen of their appointment.

The report of E. McClellan, Circuit Clerk, was read and approved. It showed the total receipts of his office during the half year ending Nov. 30th to be $2223 80. Total expenditures, $2008.86, leaving a balance of $214.91.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: W. J. Magee, steward; H. B. Heil, county physician and W. J. Carter, Janitor.

After allowing several bills the board adjourned until to-day at 9 o'clock.

Matched.

James H. Harris, Maroa	24
Clara F. Leavitt, Maroa	21
William L. Ullrich, Long Creek	26
Nellie B. Shisler, Decatur	23
D. S. Hays, Moawequa	23
Clara Elliott, Moawequa	18
Uriah Minich, Cerro Gordo	27
Martha A. Clifton, Argenta	17
William O. Shaw, Maroa	21
Miss Alice Adams, Maroa	21

A New Machine.

S. L. Platt, of Clinton, has been in the city for several days, having a brick-making machine of his invention made at the Decatur Novelty works. It was tried yesterday for the first time and gave entire satisfaction. It makes the finest quality of pressed brick, equal to that made by the heavy hydraulic machinery now in use. Mr Platt's machine has a capacity of 15,000 a day.

Gratifying To All.

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known illustrates the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the California Fig Syrup Company.

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A Fine New Stock

of groceries and provisions, bought for cash, has been opened by A. Hecklar, corner of Broadway and Decatur streets. Prices a little lower than elsewhere. See him.

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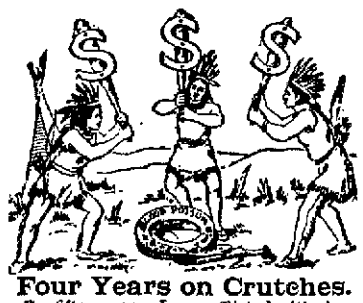
has exclusive control of the folding flexible steel wire matt, best metallic door mat in use.



Four Years on Crutches.

For fifteen years I was afflicted with rheumatism, four years of which I was compelled to go on crutches. Words are inadequate to express the suffering I endured during that time. During these fifteen years of existence (it was not living), I tried every known remedy without receiving any benefit. I finally began on Swift's Specific (S. S. S.), which from the first gave me relief, and today I am enjoying the best of health, and am a well man. I candidly believe that S. S. S. is the best blood purifier on the market today. J. D. TAYLOR, Cuba, Mo.

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Child's Braded Beaver, in Seal, Navy, Myrtle and Garnet, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 16 years, $2 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

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A beautiful Plaid Cheviot Garment, 5 to 15 years, $3 for 4 years, rising 500 per size.

NO. 5037

4 to 16 year Garnet and Black Woven Stripe, $3.50 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

NO. 5014

Misses' Newmarket, Woven Stripe, Satin Hood, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 years, $3 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

NO. 5002

4 to 16 years, Handsome Striped Cloak, Astrachan Trimming, $3 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

NO. 5039

4 to 16 years, Mahogany German Beaver Cord Trimming, $4.50 for 4 years rising 50c per size.

75 Ladies Newmarkets, Jacquard Stripe, Fine Plush Sleeves $12.

25 English Walking Coats, Walker's Seal Plush, $15,

Have just received the LATEST NOVELTIES in Newmarkets, with Plush and Fancy Sleeves, to which we call Special Attention.

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SUGARS.	
Granulated Sugar, 12½ lbs for	$1 00
A Sugar, 16 lbs for	1 00
14 lbs white extra C Sugar	1 00
15 lbs C Sugar	1 00
Good Syrups, per gallon	40
COFFEE PACKAGES.	
XXXX	25c
Arbuckles	25c
Lion	25c
Queen B	25c
Bonota	25c
Good Coffee in Bulk	22c
TEAS.	
Japan	15c to 50c
Imperial (best)	50c
Y. H.	35c to 50c
Japan Tea in 1 lb cans	40c
HAMS.	
Kingham hams, per lb	12½c
California hams, per lb	7½c
Breakfast Bacon	12½c
Heavy Bacon	10c
Best lard, per lb	10c
Chipped dried beef	20c
Best coal oil per gallon	15c
Best vinager per gallon	20c

FLOUR.	
Best roller process Flour, per sack, 50 pounds	$1 65
SOAPS.	
8 bars Logan & Beik's	25c
7 bars Lautz Bros'	25c
6 Lenox soap	25c
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Fancy raisins, new	10c
New French prunes	8⅓c
Sardines, 7c, or 4 for	25c
Canned peaches in syrup	20c
Canned black berries	8⅓c
Canned corn	7½c
Baking powder in pound cans	15c
Baking powder in bulk	15c
Mackerel in pound cans	10c
Star tobacco	45c
Climax tobacco	45c
Big 4 tobacco	40c
Horse Shoe tobacco, per pound	45c
Lemons, per doz	25c
Brooms	10c

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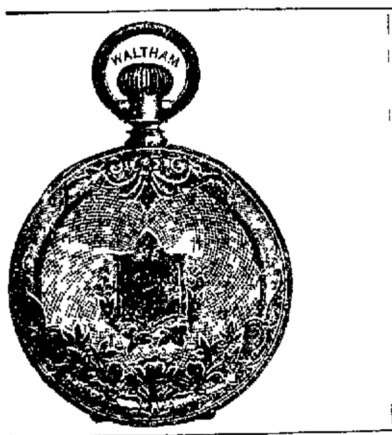

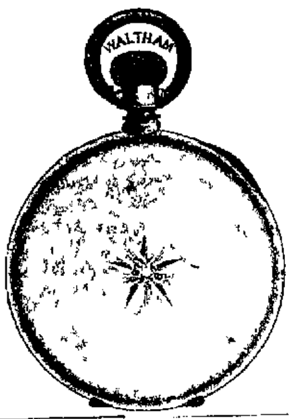

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THE SILCOTT INQUIRY.

A Report Agreed Upon by the Special Committee.

AN APPROPRIATION TO BE ASKED FOR

To Make Good the Losses Sustained by House Members Through the Rascality of the Absconding Cashier — United States Consul Lewis Recalled—Commissioner Morgan's Nomination—A Number of Bills Introduced in the Senate.

WASHINGTON CITY Dec 19—The special house committee investigating the Silcott defalcation has at last agreed upon a report by the terms of which an appropriation will be asked to make good the losses sustained by the members of the house Holman and Hemphill could not be induced to unite with the majority in this agreement. Holman wished to have the $70 000 remaining in the sergeant-at-arms office distributed first to the members who had money on deposit and lost it (the total being about $8 000), and to have the remainder divided pro rata among the members who lost their November sal aries

Accepted Holman's View in Part.

Hemphill favored the reference of the case to the court of claims Against this propos ition it was argued that congress could not compel any one to make up a case before the court of claims while, in the absence of fur ther legislation any member had the right to go before that tribunal and sue for his lost salary The committee therefore ac cepted Holman's view as far as it went but added another clause providing for the pass age of an appropriation of so much as might be necessary to make good the deficiencies in salaries after the distribution of the funds on hand It was estimated that about $75 000 would cover this deficiency

Will Withhold the Report

In view of the necessity for securing the concurrence of the senate and also in an ticipation of a good deal of debate in the house upon the bill which will be prepared, the committee decided it would withhold its report until after the holiday recess, as nothing could be gained by bringing it in one day before the recess A separate bill will also be reported making the sergeant-at-arms a disbursing officer and including the other provisions of Representative Payne's bill

Senate Proceedings

WASHINGTON CITY Dec 19—In the sen ate Thursday the house concurrent resolu tion for a holiday recess from Saturday next until Jan 6 was concurred in

A number of bills were reported from committee and placed on the calendar Among them one to authorize the constru tion of a bridge across the Missouri river near the mouth of the Kansas river Blair reported back adversely Blair's joint reso lution for a constitutional amendment con ferring on the District of Columbia repre sentation in the two houses and in the elec toral college, and asked that it be indefinitely postponed Blair stated that many citizens of the district desired to be heard on the subject and asked that it be placed on the calendar It was so ordered At 2 05 p m the senate went into secret session

Commissioner Morgan's Nomination

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec 19—The senate committee on Indian affairs had up Thursday the nomination of Indian Commissioner Morgan Father Stephan, director of the bureau of Catholic missions, with head quarters in this city was present and filed written charges against Morgan of prejudice toward the Catholic schools and teachers under the control of the Indian bureau The matter went over until after the recess for final ac tion

Consul Lewis Recalled

WASHINGTON CITY Dec 19—It is admitted at the state department that William R Lewis United States consul at Tangier has been recalled at the request of the Moorish government and that the president is now considering the appointment of his successor

Statue to Henry Ward Beecher

NEW YORK Dec 19—A statue is soon to be erected to Rev Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn but his friends are not at all pleased with it The position given Mr Beecher by the sculptor is one in which they were not accustomed to see him The ease and grace with which he stood when speaking and which will be readily remembered by all who heard him in his public addresses, are lacking The arrangement of his clothes, or the drapery, is too fine, and would indicate that in life Mr Beecher was about as particular in regard to dress as Berry Wall, while the contrary is the fact Mr Beecher while always well dressed was rather careless about the fit of his clothes

A Level Headed Brakeman

KAUKAUNA Wis, Dec 19—A brakeman's presence of mind prevented a fearful disaster on the Lake Shore road near Port Washington a day or two ago When four miles out of Port the passenger engine slipped an eccentric and came to a stop A heavily laden ore train, following close after could not be stopped, and would have been plunged into a sleeper full of passengers, but for the brakeman, who quickly threw open a switch and put the flying ore train on a side track, the sides of the ore cars grazing the rear platform of the sleeper F M Car, of this city a brakeman of the ore train, was thrown from a car as the train switched and seriously injured

Hawes Would Take His Own Life.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala, Dec 19—Dick Hawes, convicted of the murder of his wife and two children was caught Wednesday night making preparations to commit suicide in his cell at the county jail He has become despondent of late and confided to fellow prisoners that he would never hang on the gallows At midnight Wednesday night the sheriff suspected that Hawes was planning self destruction and searched him A piece of strong twine was found in the prisoner's pocket

A Prominent Priest Dying

BURLINGTON, Wis, Dec. 19—Rev Father Wisbauer, one of the pioneer Catholic priests and long in charge of this parish, is dying He was born in Austria in 1810, ordained at Linz in 1834, and came to Burlington in 1847 In point of seniority he ranks next to the Very Rev Archbishop Heiss of Milwaukee in the Catholic church of Wisconsin Some two years ago Father Wisbauer was severely beaten by burglars who attempted to rob the parish residence

O'Sullivan's Has Consumption.

CHICAGO, Dec 19—Patrick O Sullivan, one of the men sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Dr Cronin, is sick with consumption. He is said to be greatly troubled by his conscience and acts as if about to make a confession.

STOCK YARDS ON STATEN ISLAND

The President of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Road Has a Scheme.

NEW YORK, Dec 19—The Sun says that the scheme of President A B Stickney, of the Chicago, St Paul and Kansas City railroad to establish extensive stock yards and build warehouses and wharves on Staten Island and to run a steamship line to England is apparently about to be carried out Vice President Boyle, of the Kansas City road admits that he and some of his friends have secured nearly 2 000 feet of water front, but denies that the road has anything to do with the latter The others interested, some of whom are connected with the Stickney Warehouse company, have secured several big tracts of land on Staten island and there will be no lack of room for the proposed stock yards It is said that the new company, which is called the International Dock and Warehouse company will probably be amalgamated with Mr Stickney's warehouse and transfer company in Chicago and St Paul It does not appear yet that any traffic arrangements have been made with the Baltimore and Ohio It is said that the company, which proposes to ship principally live stock and dressed beef, will welcome all comers who wish to ship by this line

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR

A Young Man Calls on His Betrothed and Is Shortly After Shot

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Dec. 19—Charles Convay, of Rochester, Minn, came to Dubuque Wednesday afternoon to see his cousin, Miss Mattie Kelly, to whom he was engaged to be married and who is very near death with consumption About 8 o clock he went to the backyard of the boarding house where he had gone to stay for the night, and two shots were heard Officers rushed to the spot and found Convay shot in the bowels and another slight wound over the heart He claims that some person shot him and relieved him of his pocketbook and $180 From the fact that the officers were standing so close, and no one could have got away, and that he had a smoking revolver in his side coat pocket with two empty chambers it is believed that he attempted to take his own life on account of the expected death of his betrothed He formerly lived near Fargo N D and was considered a good man"

Suicide of a Hotel Keeper

NEW YORK Dec 19—Timothy J Coe one of the best known hotel proprietors in this city shot and killed himself at 11 0 clock Thursday morning at the house of his daughter Mrs John A Murphy at 15 West Fifth street The act was committed without doubt during a fit of insanity Mr Coe was formerly the proprietor of the R [illegible] About 11 o clock in the morning he left his house to pay a visit to his daughter, Mrs Murphy The latter saw her father was not [illegible] She [illegible] rest In a few moments she was startled by a heavy fall On returning to the room she found her father had shot himself while standing in front of a mirror He was a [illegible] stature and weighed 250 pounds

Many People Thrown Out of Work

SAUGERTIES N Y, Dec 19—On Tuesday afternoon the paper mills of J B Sheffield & Son the bindery of the Saugerties Blank Book company, and the envelope factory of J O Pratt & Co constituting the most important manufacturing interests of this village were closed It is said that the shut down is indefinite The three concerns are owned and operated by the same individuals and the pay roll contains the names of nearly 1 000 persons receiving from $20 000 to $25 000 The shut down caused the greatest excitement as it was wholly unexpected and some of the departments of the factories were unusually busy The permanent closing of the mills would cause great distress There is scarcely a family in the village that is not either directly or indirectly, interested in their maintenance

A Shoe Makers Strike Settled

PORTLAND Me, Dec 19—The striking shoe makers of Shaw Goding & Co in this city all went to work Wednesday after noon H H Shaw has gone to Freeport to settle the trouble there The men say the firm has agreed to all they asked It is said that the trouble at Freeport will be settled by the discharge of all non union workmen, and that wages will be restored to what they were before the strike

An Explosion of Blank Cartridges

BUFFALO N Y, Dec 19—A terrific explosion occurred during afternoon in the vicinity of the State arsenal Janitor Hills and his assistant, Adam Zahn were loading blank cartridges in the arsenal From some unknown cause 400 cartridges exploded Hills was badly burned about the head and will die Zahn's hands and face are badly burned

Irish Land Owners' Views

LONDON Dec 19—The convention of land owners in session in Dublin, has almost unanimously advocated the introduction of a bill in parliament increasing the number of compulsory owners which with the necessary accompanying legislation will reduce the number of compulsory sales to a minimum

The Parnell Commission's Report.

LONDON Dec 19—Judges Hannen Day and Smith, comprising the special commission appointed by parliament to investigate the charges made by The Times against Parnellite members of the house of commons, have finished their report, but it will not be published until parliament meets

To Develop a Copper District.

BRUSSELS, Dec 19—A syndicate of French and Belgian capitalists has been formed for the purpose of building a railroad from the Lower Congo to the French Congo region, and developing the rich copper district of Malanga Engineers will shortly be sent out to make the necessary surveys

The Robbers Got the Diamonds

LONDON, Dec 19—The postoffice authorities now admit that the robbers who attacked the postman in Halton Garden, took from him diamonds valued at £5,000 This statement is corroborated by the merchants to whom the diamonds were consigned.

Missouri Pacific Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec 19—The Missouri Pacific directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent payable Jan 15 The report shows a surplus remaining Dec 31, 1889, (partly estimated returns) of $956,056.

Signed with the Bostons.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass, Dec 19—Frank Zolee, of the Boston League Base Ball club, was in the city and signed John P Taber, an amateur pitcher of some local note, to play with that club the coming season.

Woolen Merchants Fail.

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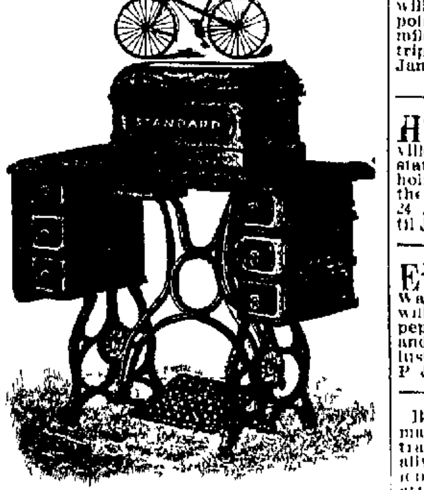

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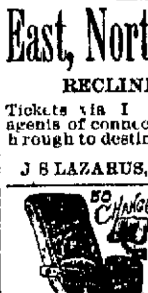

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